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FRANK FISHER
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Identity of Informant: NY 2010-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date: 8/18/59

NY 2010-S* has reported that on 8/18/59, FRANK (FISHER) contacted PHIL BART and asked if HERB (probably HERBERT APFHEKER) had spoken to him about "my wife"? PHIL said no, but that HERB gave him a letter from TOM (NABRIED). Also that HERB is leaving tomorrow and will be back next week.

FRANK said he wanted to come up Saturday or Sunday and talk to PHIL, as its desperate. PHIL discouraged him from coming up, telling him he (PHIL) will be busy Saturday and doesn't know if there is anything that he himself can do. PHIL said he would talk to HERB and have him call FRANK or would call FRANK himself. FRANK's telephone number is BALDWIN 3-0903.

- 2- Philadelphia (Info) (RM)
- (1- 65-1686) (TOM NABRIED)
- 1- New York: (100-80532) (HERBERT APFHEKER) (415)
- 1- New York: (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
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ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
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On 8/13/59, JOHN ABT, according to NY 2318-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, contacted ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and discussed the possibility of releasing the amnesty petitions in September. ELIZABETH said they would try to arrange a meeting concerning the petitions of ABT, SI GERSON, ARNOLD JOHNSON and ELIZABETH for the following Monday.

On that same date, PHIL BART contacted ELIZABETH to tell her that SAM BROWN had died. ELIZABETH recalled that she and BROWN were witnesses to the marriage of JOHN LAUTNER and that BROWN was a personal friend of LAUTNER. They also discussed the matter of amnesty with ELIZABETH mentioning that she is busy on the petitions and hopes that EDNA WINSTON can contain herself for a while and give them a chance to do a few things.

On that same date, NY 2379-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised ELIZABETH mentioned to KATHY FLYNN that the "slave driver" (HY LUMER) had given her a deadline of August 26 (for the pamphlet on the 40th Anniversary of the CP, USA).

On 8/14/59, NY 2379-S* advised ELIZABETH attended the funeral of SAM BROWN. Upon her return home, she remarked to KATHY that going to SAM's funeral brought back many memories of friends who have gone or of ones who are still here but that she

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- 1- New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1- New York (100-68111) (KATHY FLYNN) (424)
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can't communicate with, citing the example of JOHN LAUTNER. She told KATHY that she didn't dislike BROWN personally, but just the way he worked. She said that JACK CHILDS had told her that SAM BROWN was cultivating ex-CP members like SID STEIN by playing poker and drinking with them and then reporting back to the CP on their activities. She also told KATHY that if HY LUMER's wife wasn't in town she wouldn't mind having HY stay with her while KATHY is gone. She said she doesn't know whether she wants IRVING POTASH to stay with her as he is "kind of dead". ELIZABETH spent the evening working on her pamphlet.

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FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (100-4979-69)

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(1 - 100- BILL ALBERTSON)
(1 - 100- GEORGE MORRIS)
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(1 - 100- UNSUB, aka Marvin)
(1 - 100- COMINFIL STEEL)
(1 - 100- JESUS COLON)
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(1 - 100- STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
(1 - 100- HARRIET ROSEN)
(1 - 100- [REDACTED] (phonetic)
(1 - 100- PHIL BART)
(1 - 100- ROBERT THOMPSON)
(1 - 100- WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
(1 - 100- EMANUEL BLUM)
(1 - 100- JAMES JACKSON)
(1 - 100- CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
(1 - 100- TOM NELSON (phonetic)
(1 - 100- ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
(1 - 100- MIKE DAVIDOW)
(1 - 100- BETTY GANNETT)
(1 - 100- UNSUB, aka Husband of BETTY GANNETT)
(1 - 100- JIM TORMEY)
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(1 - 100-11963, AMY TIESLER)
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(1 - 100-11933, MILTON ROSEN)
(1 - 100-15270, BILL ALBERTSON)
(1 - 100-8822, FRANCES CLUNE)
(1 - 100-4379-63, FUNDS)
(1 - 100-4052, COMINFIL STEEL)
(1 - 100-12311, HARRIET ROSEN)
(1 - 100-11900, MIROSLAW ZELMAN)
(1 - 100-12948, [REDACTED])
(1 - 100-3934, ROSE TOURALCHUK)
(1 - 100-2080, JOHN TOURALCHUK)
(1 - 100-4379-104, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE)
(1 - 100-11899, [REDACTED])
(1 - 100-12887, [REDACTED])
(1 - 100-1168, MIKE CLUNE)
(1 - 100-14320, MINNA BARKOW)
(1 - 100-11638, DAN BARKOW)
(1 - 100-11812, JOE PRANIS)
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- (1 - 100-12070, [REDACTED])
- (1 - 100-15906, SEARCHLIGHT)
- (1 - 100-15296, [REDACTED])
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On July 28, 1959, according to BU 205-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, MORTIMER SCHEER, known to informant as Upstate New York CP Coordinator and Organizer of Erie County CP, conferred with AMY TIESLER, a member of the Erie County, NY, CP Board.

SCHEER opened the conversation by inquiring of TIESLER if she had received her papers ("The Worker") this week. TIESLER replied that she had received one paper but had written (apparently to "The Worker" headquarters) and had told them to discontinue the other bundles. She said that she had just cleaned out a trunk and that the books and Party stuff are all in order. She then asked SCHEER about a recent trip to New York City.

SCHEER told TIESLER that he left Buffalo at 6:00 Thursday morning (7/23/59, according to BU 241-S*), that he traveled by plane, and, on arrival, met MILTY (MILTON ROSEN). The following conversation then took place:

SCHEER: "He (ROSEN) got a permit for an outdoor meeting Thursday, that very day, 12:00. Then DAVIS had promised to speak on the street corner with him because he couldn't get anybody else. Then BILL ALBERTSON told him BEN DAVIS couldn't make it because he had ... National Committee meeting, working up these draft programs, draft resolutions he got me. GEORGE MORRIS wouldn't speak because he does not like to speak at street corner meetings. He only wants to speak in a hall.

TIESLER: "What's the matter with the guy? What's the matter with the street in good weather?"

SCHEER: "MILT said I need a speaker. It will shake them up with Buffalo helping me. So he ... someplace in the Bronx.

TIESLER: "That's MINNIE.

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SCHEER: "So... the other guy in his division, MARVIN, the four of us start out. We took about 65 workers with us and we...38th St. & 8th Ave. First we put on the phonograph and pasted 4 or 5 copies on the truck. MILT talked on the peace question and on the steel strike. We sold out the papers and had to take the papers off the truck."

(At this point, TIESLER interrupted to tell SCHEER that she saw FRANNY (CLUNE) the previous evening and that CLUNE had given her \$25.00 which he had obtained from other people. She said that FRANNY had pledged \$20.00 but, as she had collected \$25.00, she would not pay anything on her pledge at this time.)

SCHEER then returned to a discussion about the outdoor meeting, stating that the meeting was held in a section made up of Negro, some whites, mixed male and female, and some Puerto Ricans.

TIESLER asked why COLON (ph) did not appear and speak to the group in Spanish, whereupon SCHEER told her that the individual can't speak but once or twice a week because of a bad throat.

SCHEER said that there were a number of comrades there who helped them sell papers. SCHEER mentioned that a cop even told MILTY that he had a good meeting. He commented that BEN DAVIS gave a good talk and that he felt the meeting was very good. He said they planned to have street meetings frequently. He told TIESLER that, after the meeting, he went to the office and then had lunch with MILT and learned that he is pretty discouraged. He commented, "It's mostly the leadership."

The conversation continued as follows:

TIESLER: "They got no pep. They got no goal. I think it's an outrage."

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SCHEER: "So he (ROSEN) has not seen the exhibit yet (Russian exhibit). HARRIET's (ROSEN) been very sick. She had virus pneumonia. The kids have been sick and they have had a lousy summer. She wouldn't go to the hospital, but they spent about \$50.00 in drugs. He hasn't found a place yet."

(SCHEER then told of having viewed the Russian exhibit. He said he asked one of the Russians at the exhibit if he had a chance to get around the United States very much, and the individual answered that they are confined to a 25 mile limit, but that thirty years ago he was in Buffalo and saw Niagara Falls. SCHEER said that on Friday he was busy with the National Trade Union Commission on the steel strike.)

TIESLER: "What is this disgraceful thing they sent out with 'The Worker'? We are not going to draft a steel flyer because we don't know what is going to happen in the steel strike."

SCHEER: "We're going to put out a Party leaflet."

TIESLER: "Did you see MARTY (ZELMAN)?"

SCHEER: "No."

TIESLER: "Did you hear about this letter that is going about?"

SCHEER: "Yes. Before I left. [redacted] got one Wednesday. She called me up and I got the copy of it and showed it to MILT (ROSEN)."

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TIESLER: "TOURALCHUKS (JOHN and ROSE) got one, too."

SCHEER: "I'd like a list of everybody who got one. Did you read it?"

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TIESLER: "Yeah. I was over at [REDACTED] when MARTY (ZELMAN) brought it there.

SCHEER: [REDACTED] MARTY (ZELMAN), JOHN and ROSE (TOURALCHUK), MIKE and FRANNY (CLUNE). MINNA and ... (Possibly DAN BARKOW), JOE [REDACTED] all received them. You didn't get one, did you?

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TIESLER: "No.

SCHEER: "I didn't get one. The last time stuff like that came out was about five years ago.

TIESLER: "Yes, I remember.

SCHEER: "HATTIE (LUMPKIN) ...

TIESLER: "Well, tell me, was there any sense in the meeting?

SCHEER: "Oh, yeah. Some of these people have changed their whole position. We had a four or five hour meeting on the steel strike and reports were presented from different areas as to what is happening and what the sentiment of the workers is. In many places there is a lot of confusion about the issue such as there was here in Buffalo among the workers. We came out for a program and I told them what we were doing here in Buffalo. There is going to be a very good pamphlet put out on speed-up.

TIESLER: "It seems to me that we have got to take this opportunity to.... The steel workers that strike is not enough. There's got to be something more. We've got to fight the bosses on a political plane, which is what they are doing to us.

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SCHEER: "This pamphlet isn't an over-all pamphlet on the Party program. What this brings out is the whole class struggle in the steel mills. You get an over-all picture when you read it. The program deals with three or four things; one is the question of the right to strike, shorter work week, more or less economical program.

"There is another slinger out on the steel strike itself--a four page folder. This points out that the strike is not a routine thing. It re-introduces the thirty hour week, etc. Workers could be forced to go back to work.

TIESLER: "That is the time the steel workers should join the Communist Party. It's the place to begin.

SCHEER: "There were about six or seven proposals that they came through with. We are supposed to get some National leaders to come to the steel areas. I raised that. Could have a street meeting in Lackawanna (NY). [redacted] (ph) said he'd come up. In April, quite a change took place, according to MILTY (ROSEN). In April there were a few people who were fighting for the Party to do something in the Steel Section.

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"Now they are all agreed that the Party has to come out. Like in Chicago ... first leaflet, and like that. In Ohio, they've been putting out stuff, so now there is a question the Party hasn't done enough."

SCHEER told TIESLER that he spoke more than anybody else at the National Committee meeting. He said that he also spoke on the draft resolution aimed for the convention coming up in December, the Negro Resolution, and pre-convention discussion. He said that he obtained one mimeograph copy and mentioned that there were only a few mimeograph copies available.

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SCHEER then commented that, when they passed out mimeographed copies, no one had a chance to read them, so there was quite a bit of criticism expressed during the meeting of the way it was handled.

TIESLER said that they should have had the mimeographing done long before the meeting and inquired as to when the material had been drawn up. SCHEER replied, "at a National Executive Committee meeting a week before."

TIESLER was aghast at the way the matter was handled. SCHEER then mentioned that there are over 100 members on the National Committee.

TIESLER inquired as to who was responsible for it, and SCHEER said "PHIL BART. He took BOB THOMPSON'S place."

SCHEER then went on to state that he felt there were some pretty good discussions on the steel strike to the effect that in the middle of a strike the main thing can't be political action, as the main thing should be trying to find out how to get the strike over with.

SCHEER said they also felt they should hit at what the company's intentions are in the strike, the all out attack on the workers, and that there should be mass demonstrations, mass meetings, action by other unions, etc. SCHEER said that he feels the main attitude should be to help the worker, but that he did not get that idea from EDDIE'S (WOLKENSTEIN) report at the Board meeting.

TIESLER then referred to the "National Guardian" article, pointing out that there is a decline in the number of registered Negro voters.

SCHEER told TIESLER that there were other reports at the meeting, one being the political report calling for a democratic front to get out of the isolated position. He said that a lot of people were dissatisfied, particularly on the idea that the main danger was revisionism.

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When it came to a point, people wanted it separated "from Section 5," FOSTER wrote a letter to the National Committee agreeing with the main line of the Party, but he pointed out ... every section where it was weak. TIESLER inquired as to why they didn't let him write it, whereupon SCHEER said "Oh, he's too busy. He dictated the letter." He remarked that MANNY BLUM (ph) made a motion to endorse FOSTER's remarks to be included in the draft program, as there were motions from the floor to have all criticisms included.

SCHEER then mentioned that the draft program has to be re-written and, when TIESLER inquired as to who was going to re-write it, SCHEER told her that a committee which has been set up by the National Executive Committee would handle the matter, but stated that he does not know who they are.

SCHEER said that only a few people voted against Section 5, as they felt the main danger wasn't revisionism, but sectarianism. He mentioned that there was a great deal more discussed but, as he did not have his notes with him, he could not give TIESLER a full report. He mentioned that he would make a report at a Board meeting.

SCHEER then told TIESLER that MILTY (ROSEN) spoke on the steel question and pointed out that ROSEN doesn't think much of the meetings, as people get up and speak on matters not from their own experiences. He said that on the Negro question there was some sharp reaction. He said that JAMES JACKSON wasn't even there and mentioned that somebody else was on vacation.

TIESLER inquired as to which Negro people are taking the lead in discussions to which SCHEER replied "CLAUDE LIGHT-FOOT, BEN DAVIS, and TOM NELSON" (ph). TIESLER inquired as to the identity of TOM NELSON (ph), whereupon SCHEER mentioned the city Philadelphia.

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SCHEER mentioned that he (SCHEER) spoke on the Negro question and remarked that in Illinois a movement has been started to get 2,000,000 signatures to present to the Democratic Convention to oust the Dixiecrats. SCHEER said that he spoke on building Negro-white unity in the trade unions, on seniority, upgrading, etc. He raised the question of the struggle against white chauvenism, pointing out that in 1949 he thought that there were some things wrong but now there is no struggle at all against white chauvenism. He said that he pointed out that the Trotskyites have stepped into the case in Buffalo in the left leadership in the Negro community and that they felt there should be new forms of organization, as in Buffalo, Trotskyites are a real danger.

At this point, SCHEER remarked that, on the following Friday, he would give a report on the National Committee meeting (apparently at an Erie County, New York, CP Board meeting).

TIESLER then inquired as to what discussion was had regarding "The Worker" and she was told by SCHEER that there was no discussion concerning "The Worker."

SCHEER then commented as follows:

"I'm not a voting member of the National Committee. MILT told me to come, but, when MILT told BILL ALBERTSON that he had invited me to attend the National Committee meeting, BILL became angry and told him that he had no right to invite me.

"MILTON explained, I was invited to come to a special steel meeting so he just invited me to stay for the National Committee meeting. BILL then told MILT to go upstairs and check with others concerning the matter.

"I went to the meeting anyway and wound up checking other people in at the meeting and I then got up and spoke three times at the National Committee meeting."

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SCHEER said that he spoke on the Chinese pamphlet, "How to be a Communist." He mentioned there was a tape recorder at the meeting and that he thought the tape was to be turned over to FOSTER (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER).

SCHEER then mentioned that MILTY and he received an invitation to visit California. He mentioned that IRV GOFF is now the Labor Secretary for the California organization. He said that, in discussing this with MILTY, MILTY almost "blew his top" and said that IRV GOFF never worked in the shop except for two days.

TIESLER and SCHEER agreed that they thought IRV GOFF was a pretty good guy. TIESLER recalled that for a long time she tried to get IRV to bring MILT to a Committee meeting unsuccessfully, so finally she invited MILT to a meeting and, during the meeting, IRV was very critical of MILT.

SCHEER mentioned that GOFF is very active in California and is still working in insurance. He said that MILT and he sent a note to IRV through some woman.

SCHEER commented that MILT is a person who has some good ideas but also has some bad attitudes. He said that MILT imitated some of the speakers, particularly CARL WINTER.

TIESLER inquired if KRCHMAREK (ANTHONY) was there, however, SCHEER did not reply. TIESLER commented about the fact that KRCHMAREK is a wonderful guy and wondered why MILT does not tie up with people of his type.

SCHEER told her that there are a lot of good people in New York and that the Industrial Division in New York is completely in favor of what MILT is trying to fight for.

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TIESLER inquired as to the identity of these individuals whereupon SCHEER stated "all these section leaders ... and MIKE DAVIDOW and BETTY ... those three people."

TIESLER replied, "I used to have a private ... and BETTY GANNETT ... well she and her husband."

SCHEER commented, "Well, you know her husband may be Brooklyn's organizer."

When TIESLER indicated that she was amazed at this, SCHEER stated, "Do you know whose fault it is? Guess. MILTY's. Do you know why... JIM TORMEY." To this, TIESLER commented, "Oh. He's one of the most awful guys in the Party."

SCHEER stated that EVELYN WEINER is one who thinks along the lines of BEN DAVIS. SCHEER then indicated that BETTY GANNETT and JIM TORMEY would go out with BEN DAVIS.

TIESLER recalled that, when she first heard of JIM TORMEY, he was sent out to Nassau County, as there was trouble there. She said that he is nothing but a plain liar and that she is sure he will ruin the Brooklyn Party.

TIESLER then inquired of SCHEER as to what happened to a guy named JIMMY (ph), and SCHEER replied that he is in California. TIESLER considered him perfect for the organizing job in Brooklyn. She also commented that PETTIS PERRY would be very good in Brooklyn.

SCHEER then mentioned the fact that Los Angeles had a very nice brochure on schools, smog, etc., and stated that he brought one back with him and thought maybe they could prepare something like that to use in Buffalo.

In discussing his trip to New York, SCHEER said he had to eat all of his meals out, as his sister has a personal problem. He said that he stayed at the Y and lost his return ticket to Buffalo. He mentioned that MILTY took SCHEER, MILLIE, and a guy from Washington to the Seafair Restaurant.

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TIESLER inquired as to how MILTY (ROSEN) is making out financially and SCHEER replied that he is having a terrible time financially.

SCHEER told TIESLER that BILL ALBERTSON seemed very unfriendly toward SCHEER and, when he mentioned it to MILT, MILT remarked that he hardly ever talks to him anymore.

TIESLER inquired concerning one SYLVIA and was told by SCHEER that SYLVIA is still there and that she would get up and leave if she did not think there would be some changes.

SCHEER mentioned that a guy from California referred to the idea of the farm question in the resolution being without a class approach, as if farmers were all one class.

TIESLER mentioned that HARRY (ph) had a very good article on the farm question. SCHEER told her that he was there and that he is on the National Committee but that he did not speak.

SCHEER then told TIESLER that he is working on two articles for "The Worker," one concerning a recent occasion when he was picked up by the police (Lackawanna, New York), and the other article concerns the proposed hospital strike in Buffalo.

TIESLER told SCHEER that she went to the bank and took out \$45.62 from the special steel fund and closed out the account. SCHEER inquired if it was a special account and TIESLER replied "Yes, that was Party money." "Whenever we have special ... of Party money, I always put it in there so it wouldn't get mixed up with my money." She said that the account was in her name and not in MILTY's name and suggested that SCHEER might want to open a special account with the \$45.62 in his own name.

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SCHEER recalled that a "Searchlight" meeting had been set for Wednesday night and that IRV (COHEN) and [] had complained that they were not notified.

TIESLER inquired of SCHEER as to whether he has written some article and was told by SCHEER that he has not written the article but will try to do so soon. SCHEER told TIESLER that [] had called [] and had left a message for [] to see him Wednesday. SCHEER said that [] seemed to be very disturbed.

SCHEER mentioned that [] had contacted him and had mentioned that his attorney, MC DONOUGH, wants another \$1,500.00 and mentioned that he, SCHEER, had to write another letter.

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TIESLER told SCHEER that somebody had to check over the records regarding the [] bail money. TIESLER mentioned that she thought [] had a record of all money received. She mentioned a poor old guy who had given \$5,000.00, \$1,000.00 as a contribution, and \$4,000.00 as a loan, but that he is now sick. She later identified the individual as BILL BENNETT. She said that [] wife kept track of all money she received but that everyone who turned money in to her was supposed to keep a breakdown as to their own section.

SCHEER told her that SID (INGERMAN) claims that he gave \$700.00 toward the bail fund and that (SIDNEY) TUROFF gave \$650.00. TIESLER recalled that she gave \$400.00 and stated that she also turned in some money from ... DEBOBEN.

SCHEER then told TIESLER that [] are moving out of town, as their house has been sold.

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LOS ANGELES:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Will identify Unsub, aka Jimmy (PH), mentioned
in this letter.

NEW YORK:

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

Will identify the following individuals mentioned in instant communication:

Unsub, aka Minnie
Unsub, aka Marvin
[redacted] (PH)
Unsub, aka Millie
Unsub, husband of BETTY GANNETT
Unsub, aka Sylvia
Unsub, aka Harry (PH)
TOM NELSON (PH)

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If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent: Date _____ Dictated _____ to _____ Transcribed _____ Authenticated by Informant _____		Date of Report 7/30/59 Date(s) of activity [REDACTED] b6 b7C b7D
Brief description of activity or material [REDACTED] wishes to join the CP.		File where original is located if not attached [REDACTED]

Remarks:

Extreme care should be exercised in any use of the following information in view of the fact this information was furnished by PHIL BART of the National Office of the CP, USA privately to the informant and at the present time the informant is the only person in New Jersey aware of this information. He stated that if time and agenda permit, someone from the NJCP may get in touch with [REDACTED]

There is no indication that [REDACTED] wrote to the National Office of the CP, USA. It is noted the possibility exists that she attends a university or college in New York City wherein CP members also attend and with whom she is in contact.

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July 30, 1959

In July, 1959 [redacted] Phil Bart, of the National Office of the Communist Party, USA, advised they had received information at the National Office which is to be furnished to the New Jersey District of the Communist Party, USA for their information.

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Bart stated this information was that one [redacted] Palisades Park, New Jersey, wishes to join the Communist Party. He stated she is [redacted]

No further information was available concerning this individual.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

8/18/59

SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART aka
IS-C; SMITH ACT, 1940
Weekly Summary - 8/10-8/16/59
CINAL

On 8/10/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife CONNIE had held a discussion in their apartment regarding the condition of ABNER GREEN (Secretary of the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born). BART said that "he is finished" and that even if he should live, he would never be an active man. He said that the operation on GREEN found that he had a mushroom shaped tumor and that they did not know how deep the roots were toward the brain. He said that they were not able to remove the entire tumor and that if he does recover, he will have to have another operation in six months.

Later in the evening, CONNIE BART called PEARL (LAWS) and made a date for a week from Tuesday (8/18/59) for a meeting to be held in the BART apartment of a committee of four which has been established by the Kings County CP to give a report on reorganizing the Brooklyn CP organization.

The source also advised that the subject told his wife that ALEX BITTLEMAN had accepted an invitation by the NEC to appear at their meeting the following day (8/11/59). He commented that he did not think BITTLEMAN would accept and now that he has, BART hoped that he would not get mixed up in any type of a mess as a result of it.

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BART then told his wife he had received a letter from CHARLENE (MITCHELL) from California, and that she had said that JIM JACKSON was there a week ago. He commented that JACKSON's conduct is criminal and that he has now been gone six or seven weeks. He said that no organization can operate along these lines. He commented CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT had called from Chicago the previous week asking for JACKSON and that he, BART, had been unable to tell him where he was. He said that he did not know what the result of this whole matter would be.

NY 1749-S* advised on 8/10/59, that the subject had contacted TOM NABRIED in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Subject told NABRIED that he would "be down there Wednesday" and that he expected to see NABRIED and some others.

On 8/11/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the NEC meeting which had taken place that day at CP Headquarters and at which ALEX BITTLEMAN had appeared. BART said that BITTLEMAN wanted the CP to help him publish a book which he was writing but he won't allow anyone to have a copy of it for review. He said that BITTLEMAN was originally in touch with BOB THOMPSON and since THOMPSON's leaving, he has been in touch with the subject and they have exchanged three or four letters regarding the book. BART continued that the NEC decided that they would not discuss BITTLEMAN's ideas at the meeting but only the reasons why he did not wish to show his manuscript to anyone. When BITTLEMAN was asked about this, he told the NEC that he knew in advance that they disagreed with what he had to say so consequently there was no reason for them to read his manuscript. He said the CP has no "line" today and that his book is an attempt to give

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one to those who are interested. He told them that he had presented his book to the Liberty Book Club but that they had returned it with the notation that it was not written in a popular style and was of a political nature and consequently would not sell. He told them that he felt that the question of "line" in the Party is an open one and that consequently the Party should help publish the book.

BART said that GUS HALL was very sharp with BITTLEMAN and that it is very difficult to be hard on someone who has given his life to the CP. He said that BITTLEMAN has been in the Movement for 55 years; in Russia, in the United States and internationally. BART said that you just cannot "dump" a person like this but that his attitude is going to force him out. He said that HALL criticized all the arguing about what the book says and stated that they should go over it and maybe some good will come out of it. BART said that he told BITTLEMAN that all he was accomplishing was the setting up of a factionalist situation for the coming Convention. He said that IRVING POTASH compared BITTLEMAN to JOHNNY GATES.

BART continued that the result of the meeting was that a committee comprised of GUS HALL, JIM JACKSON and HY LUMER would read the manuscript and then would discuss it. He said that the best they could get out of BITTLEMAN was that they would be allowed to review the manuscript at BITTLEMAN's residence for as long a period as they want. BART said that HALL told BITTLEMAN that what happens to him in relation to the CP will be BITTLEMAN's own doing and not anyone's fault but his own. BITTLEMAN said that in relation to the comparison of him to JOHN GATES that the trouble with GATES was that he never gave anything to the "Movement" but that he was giving the Party something - a platform to be used in the future.

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The subject commented that BITTLEMAN had also sent letters about his book to "The Worker", the "Jewish Freiheit" and the "Jewish Life."

BART then related that GUS HALL has spoken before a meeting of the NYS CP Board the previous day and that he was very pleased with its result. He said that HALL told him that no opposition had been expressed to the resolutions which he presented. He also told the subject that everyone attended the meeting but a few people. BART said, however, that he knew that there were quite a few people missing, including MIKE DAVIDOW, [REDACTED] and MILT (ROSEN).

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On 8/12/59, NY 2010-S* advised that a Mrs. BLUMENTHAL from the television station WNEW, NYC, was in contact with the subject and told him that Mr. WELDON, who was in charge of production, wanted to interview an American Communist relative to Premier KRUSHCHEV's contemplated visit to the US. She said that he wanted this interview to be one on a series of interviews for a program to be presented on Sunday night. Subject told her that he did not know what Mr. WELDON would possibly want in connection with this visit and Mrs. BLUMENTHAL replied that they were interested in the relationship between the CP in the United States and that in Russia. Subject said that the CP USA had no more relationship with the Russian CP than WNEW has. He told her that the only official position they have insofar as the visit is concerned is that it will improve relations between the two countries and is in the interest of world peace.

NY 1750-S* advised on 8/13/59, that the subject and his wife had discussed his trip to Philadelphia the previous evening. He said that JOE ROBERTS had been at the meeting and there had been a number of hecklers there along with one young fellow

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who appeared to be the instigator. He said there were several non-Party people there who were interested in listening. He said the meeting took place at a steel worker's home in Levittown, Pennsylvania, and that most of the people in attendance were from Philadelphia. He said he did not get to speak at the meeting until about 10:00 p.m. and was still going at 1:00 a.m. He said that he spoke about the collection of dues and the fact that if they do not pay them they will have no organization. He said that many of the persons there felt that the Party was dying and were reluctant to contribute to a fund drive because of it. He said alot of people spoke and that there were quite a few young people and two of them were especially good. He said some of the people were relatives of GEORGE WATT and that apparently he occasionally goes down there and holds discussions with them. He said that before the meeting ended, a woman made a proposal that they take up a collection to pay for his trip to Philadelphia.

Subject commented that he enjoyed the evening although it had some unpleasant moments and that he has made appointments to go back at least once or twice and that he will try to attend the meeting that is scheduled for September. He then commented that the steel workers in the area who were on strike are experiencing some very great hardships at the present time.

He then mentioned that HY LUMER and JACK STACHEL were going to be on vacation the following week and that BEN DAVIS and GENE DENNIS were already on their vacation.

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On 8/14/59, NY 1750-S* advised that JAMES TORMEY, Kings County CP Organizer, had visited the subject and his wife for dinner prior to TORMEY and CONNIE BART going to a meeting. During the visit, there was a long discussion regarding persons who have left the CP and what is the best way to try to get them back. Numerous names were mentioned, including DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG, who apparently had recently visited CP National Headquarters and also her husband "Doc" BLUMBERG, whom BART described as "dying to talk to somebody." The group agreed that the BLUMBERGS were fine people and that attempts should be made to approach them and bring them back.

The discussion then turned to HENRY WINSTON, and GIL GREEN and they concluded that HENRY WINSTON was one of the best persons the Party ever produced and that he must be very disillusioned in jail at the Party's present size and its split. They also classified GIL GREEN "despite some of his mistakes" in the same category as WINSTON.

A discussion was then held about the Kings County CP Organization and its influence in the Jewish Movement and CONNIE BART mentioned ANN FRIEDLANDER and CLARA LICHT as being very familiar with this group and as having excellent contacts in various organizations within the Jewish population.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 8/18/59	Investigative Period 2/2 - 8/59
TITLE OF CASE PHILIP BART		Report made by SA HAROLD P. QUINN	Typed By: jrw
		CHARACTER OF CASE IS - C SMITH ACT - 1940	

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NEW YORK DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will continue to follow and report subject's activities.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

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Description of Information

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NY 1697-S*

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CG 5824-S*

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NY 2359-S*

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NY 1750-S*

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NY T-11
NY 2358-S*

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ADMINISTRATIVE

BART is an unindicted Smith Act subject and the character Smith Act, 1940 appears on the original Bureau copy of this report. New York is the office of origin.

1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the Security Index.
2. ☒ The data appearing on the Security Index card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the Security Index card are necessary and Form FD-122 has been submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.
5. ☒ Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
6. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and _____ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are _____.
7. ☒ This report is classified ~~Confidential~~ because (state reason)

the information attributed to T-2 and T-5 tends to reveal the identity of a confidential informant of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure of whom would compromise the future effectiveness thereof.
8. ☒ Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason)

a reinterview of the subject may endanger coverage of the subject's activities presently furnished by NY 1637-S*, NY 1749-S*, and NY 1750-S*, all highly Confidential and Anonymous Techniques.
9. ☐ This case no longer meets the Security Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Security Index card.
10. ☒ This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Security Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason)

Subject is National Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA.
11. ☒ Subject's SI card ☒ is ☐ is not tabbed Detcom.
☒ His activities ☒ do ☐ do not warrant Detcom tabbing.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

Report of: SA HAROLD P. QUINN
Date: 8/18/59

Office: New York, New York

File Number: New York 100-56579

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Title: PHILIP BART

Character: INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides with his wife at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Apartment 4G, Brooklyn, NY, and is employed as National Organizational Secretary of the Communist Party, USA, 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York. Subject is a member of the Constitutional Committee for the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA. He made CP business trips to Philadelphia, Penn., and New Jersey in May, 1959; to Boston, Mass. in June, 1959, and to Chicago, Illinois in July, 1959. BART's attendance at various CP meetings including those of the National Executive Committee, and National Convention set forth. Subject refused to be interviewed by FBI Agents in February, 1959.

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DETAILS:I. BACKGROUND DATAResidence

NY T-1 furnished information on July 8, 1959, that the subject was residing with his wife CONNIE, in Apartment 4G, 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

Communist Party (CP), USA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Employment and Position in Communist Party, USA

NY T-2 advised on April 7, 1959, that ROBERT THOMPSON had stated that in approximately two weeks from that time, the subject would be employed and on the payroll of the National Office of the CP, USA, and that he would occupy the position of Organizational Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The Worker" of July 13, 1958, Page 14, identified ROBERT THOMPSON as the Executive Secretary of the CP, USA.

"The Worker" is an East Coast weekly newspaper.

THOMPSON was convicted in United States District Court, New York, on October 14, 1949 for violation of the Smith Act. On May 20, 1959, THOMPSON was returned to custody to serve the remaining seventeen months of a contempt sentence.

NY T-3 advised on May 19, 1959, that the subject was listed on the payroll of the CP, USA, for the weeks ending May 1, May 8, May 15. Subject was also listed as receiving wages totalling \$85.00 per week.

NY T-4 furnished information on April 1, 1959, that the subject was a member of the Constitutional Committee for the 17th National Convention of the CP, USA.

Subject's Attendance at Meetings of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party, USA

NY T-5 advised on April 24, 1959, that the subject had been in attendance at meetings of the National Executive Committee (NEC), held on April 23 and 24, at CP National Headquarters, New York City.

NY T-6 advised on May 19, 1959, that the subject had been in attendance at a meeting of the NEC, held on that date at CP National Headquarters, New York City. The source advised that in a discussion which took place regarding a celebration to be held on the 40th Anniversary of the "Worker", that BART suggested that the celebration itself, should be highlighted by a display of what the Party has accomplished over these years. He suggested that

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they should approach people that can be attracted to the Party again. He stated that once the CP begins to open minds, then they can begin to open action.

NY T-6 advised on May 26, 1959, that the subject had attended a meeting of the NEC, held at CP National Headquarters, on that date. The source advised that BART presented a report on the present constitution of the CP, USA, and stated that it is a reflection on the ideological struggle which took place at the 16th National Convention. He said that because of this, the constitution contains revisionist influence. BART continued that the Constitutional Committee of which he was a member, and for whom he was delivering the report, had considered two courses of action for their report; one, discarding the present constitution and forming a new one; two, amending and changing the constitution, particularly those sections connected with organizational principles, which impede the work of the CP, USA.

BART said that they felt that it is advisable to keep some sections of the present constitution, and eliminate and change others. He said in this approach, the first thing to be considered is the principle of organization. He said that which has proved correct for all Communist Parties throughout the world, is democratic centralism.

Continuing, BART stated when drawing up a new constitution, that it will be necessary for the Party to keep in mind that "The Enemy" will scrutinize the new constitution. He said the Party must not ignore what "The Enemy" will be looking for.

BART's report was approved by the NEC with a recommendation that a new draft constitution be drawn up, to be presented within two weeks to all members of the NEC.

NY T-6 advised on June 16, 23, and 30, that the subject had been in attendance on those dates at meetings of the NEC, which were held at CP National Headquarters, New York City.

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Subject's attendance at Meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA

NY T-5 advised on April 26, 1959, that the subject was in attendance at a two day meeting of the National Committee of the CP, USA, held on April 25 - 26, 1959 at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Subject's Leadership Activities in Various Communist Party Districts

NY T-7 advised on May 28, 1959, that the subject had been in attendance on May 21, 1959 at a meeting of the New Jersey State CP Board.

NY T-8 advised on May 25, 1959, that the subject was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 23, 1959, on CP business.

NY T-9 advised on June 15, 1959, that PHILIP BART stated he had just returned from a two day trip of the New England District of the CP, USA. BART related that he had attended a CP District Board meeting, and a number of other CP meetings during his trip. He said that he had found the situation in the New England CP about as expected, and commented that some excellent work was being done there, but that there was still much to be done.

NY T-5 advised that on July 8, 1959, that the subject was in Chicago, Illinois for a week on CP business. The source related that BART was engaged in meeting with various CP officials and groups, and that he intended to travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on other CP business, but had been forced to cancel his trip.

Miscellaneous Meetings Attended by the Subject

NY T-7 advised on April 29, 1959, that the subject had attended a meeting of the Civil Rights Committee of the CP, USA, held at CP National Headquarters, April 27, 1959.

NY T-2 advised on May 19, 1959, that the subject had been in attendance at a meeting of the Finance Committee of the CP, USA, held on May 18, 1959.

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NY T-7 advised on April 29, 1959, that the subject had attended a meeting of the Committee on the constitution of the CP, USA, on April 26, 1959 at CP Headquarters, New York City.

NY T-10 advised on May 22, 1959, that the subject was in attendance at a meeting of the above committee on May 20, 1959, held at CP Headquarters, New York City.

NY T-10 advised on June 19, 1959, that the subject had attended a meeting of the above committee on June 15, 1959, held at CP National Headquarters, New York City.

NY T-11 advised on May 22, 1959, that the subject had been in attendance at a meeting of the Organization Commission of the New York District, CP, USA, held at CP National Headquarters, New York City on that date.

NY T-12 advised on June 5 and 6, 1959, that the subject had attended a two day meeting of the New York State CP Committee, held on those dates at Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Interview with Subject by Special Agents of the
Federal Bureau of Investigation

On February 27, 1959, Special Agents EDWIN W. BUCKLEY and CHESTER A. REILLY, attempted to interview the subject, but he refused to speak to them commenting, "Leave me alone; I have nothing to say."

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New York, New York
August 18, 1959

Re: Philip Dart
Internal Security - C

All informants mentioned in the report of Special Agent Harold F. Quinn dated and captioned as above, have furnished reliable information in the past.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-95895)

THOMAS NABRIED
IS-C; ISA-50

Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 8/10/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 8/10/59, (PHIL BART) contacted TOM NABRIED and said he expected to hear from TOM. TOM said he gave the message to HY (LUMER); that he told HY that he would meet you "out there" Wednesday (8/12/59). PHIL said he saw HY but did not get the message. He asked TOM how many of the steel leaflets he wanted. TOM told him he ordered 2,000.

For information.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 8/20/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-CIdentity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 8/10/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 8/10/59, PHIL (BART)
contacted (ELLA MEYERSCOUGH) and asked for TOM (MEYERSCOUGH).
ELLA said he was not home. PHIL said to tell TOM that he
will not be able to see him until the end of the week.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) (422)

FROM: SA [REDACTED] b6
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SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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DATE: AUG 14 1959

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NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58 verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker", an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

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WILLIAM J. BARRON

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : SAC

DATE: 7/16/59

FROM : SA JOHN C. SEATON

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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On 7/15/59, SAs JOHN T. O'SHAUGHNESSY and JOHN C. SEATON observed the subject, PHIL BART, enter Reeds Cafeteria, 184 5th Ave., NYC, at 8:55AM. At 9:25AM, an UNSUB entered the cafeteria, and after greeting BART he seated himself at BART's table where they became engaged in conversation. At 11:26AM both men departed from the cafeteria but separated at the corner of 5th Ave. and 23rd St. : BART walked north, and the unsub took the southbound BMT Subway Train changing at 14th St. for the southbound Lexington Ave. train. The UNSUB continued on this train until he reached Church at which point he got off and proceeded on foot. At 12:32PM, the Unsub was observed entering the apartment house at 250 East 38th St., Brooklyn, NY.

The following is a physical description of the UNSUB:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Age	55 yrs.
Height	5'5"-6"
Weight	135 - 140 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Grey, receding slightly
Complexion	Sallow
Peculiarities	Wore horn rim glasses, smoked pipe
Dress	Wore blue business suit with white shirt and tie

It is to be noted that the apartment directory at 250 E 38th St., Brooklyn, listed one P. FRANKFELD along with the name SHATTNER.

On 8/20/59 SA O'Shaughnessy identified a photo of Phil Frankfeld as identical with the Unsub.

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(PHIL BART)

(UNSUB, White, Male, 55 yrs., grey hair, who met with PHIL BART on 7/15/59)

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-32024)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-14207)

MIKE GOLD
IS-C

CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN THE HANDLING AND REPORTING
OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO
IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On 8/19/59 NY 2360-S* advised that on above date,
PHIL BART at CP Headquarters, NYC, mentioned to GUS HALL
that MIKE GOLD wrote a column and "panned the hell out of
him (?)..."

HALL retorted that MIKE GOLD has no prestige or
following anywhere including the West coast. "I" have heard
so many remarks that people are tired of his snide remarks.
He sat for years in France doing nothing and now he talks about
the retired radicals.

The informant was unable to furnish any additional
information regarding the above and it is set out for
informational purposes only.

- 1- San Francisco (100-32024) (Info) (RM)
- 1- New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
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TO : SAC (100-31723)

FROM : SA MARION B. HUMMEL

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 8/24/59

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6 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)

1 - 100- (AL BLUMBERG)

1 - 100- (BLAKE CHARNEY)

1 - 100- (SID STEIN)

1 - 100- (MARTHA STONE)

1 - 100- (CPUSA - FACTIONALISM)

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1 - 100-22157 (PHIL BART)

1 - 100-22778 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-6421 (WILLIAM BROCKMON)

1 - 100-36147 (ALFRED BRODSKY)

1 - 100-2427 (DAVID DAVIS)

1 - 100-20479 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-28841 (FRANCES GABOW)

1 - 100-34688 (JOHN HOLTON)

1 - 100-35071 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-3658 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-28842 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-25033 [REDACTED]

1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)

1 - 100-40203 (DORIS OUTLAW)

1 - 100-7431 (VINCE PIERI)

1 - 100-38020 (JOSEPH ROBERTS)

1 - 100-5280 (SOL ROTENBERG)

1 - 100-23266 (MINNIE RUBIN)

1 - 100-40449 [REDACTED]

1 - 100-5822 (BENJAMIN WEISS)

1 - 100-35905 (NOLA WHARTON)

1 - 100-34519 (ANN ZUCKER)

1 - 100-20310 (JACK ZUCKER)

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On 8/7/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA MARION B. HUMMEL by mail a written statement. This statement is located in [REDACTED]
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If the following information is disseminated outside the Bureau, extreme caution must be used in order not to compromise the informant.

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"On Wed. [REDACTED]
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They were meeting to talk about mass work and Party activity.

[REDACTED] enlightened [REDACTED] on the mass work going on in her area. She explained about the political action developing on an independent level in her area. [REDACTED] she would be in on the ground floor of any campaign developing in the area. [REDACTED] was very pleased and told [REDACTED] he felt she was carrying on a tremendous job in S. West.

"He said however, he was concerned about who could take over in the Party Club if she were asked to take another position in the Party. [REDACTED] told him [REDACTED] or

[] would be capable of carrying on a terrific job in the club. He was glad to hear about this.

"He then asked her to dig up all the information possible on the NAACP Convention. He asked to also get in touch with anyone she knew that was going to the Baptist Ministers' Convention and get them to raise the question of peace. [] agreed to do this.

"Then the question of the right danger was discussed. [] the following quote:

'I feel that the danger in the Right group is not their attempt to capture the party, because if they did, I feel guys such as SID STEIN and CHARNEY BLAKE would have stayed in the party. I feel that the Right will try to disintergrate the party and then set up some sort of organization.'

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'You see this Right group, composed SID STEIN, MARTHA STONE, AL BLUMBERG, BLAKE CHARNEY and others met in N.Y. over six months ago and couldn't decide upon a policy and therefore adjourned agreeing to meet in six months. So far I've heard nothing about another meeting.'

'Here in this district, [] whose leave of absence was up in June, will not return to the party.' unquote

[] said or rather asked how strong an influence did the right group have in the Party membership in this area. []

'Well in the Germantown area, we have three clubs. One was led by SOL ROTTENBERG. In it he has such people as, AL BRODSKY, JACK and ANN ZUCKER. MINNIE and another couple, because BILLY and [] left the party. This club will probably swing to the Right. SOL says he's tired of playing nurse maid.'

'In Oxford Circle the group there is bitter agst. [] DAVIS and ROBERTS. Upper Bucks is pro-Party. The club in Lower Bucks may be influenced by ROBERTS.'

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[] has asked that PHIL BART and I attend the next club meeting which we will do. This is about the extent of their influence. I don't expect them to attend our district convention.' unquote

"He then told [] was not wanted in any club in the Germantown area and she still does her work in the 4th C.D.

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[] asked if [] was still in the party. He said [] had left. He told her [] had returned to activity and had accepted a job as Dues Secretary in the 4th C.D. He said [] was still out of the party. He feels that JACK ZUCKER will eventually leave the party. He also feels guys like ROBERTS and BEN WEISS will remain, thinking that the party will die under his leadership and he will be able to take over again.

[] feels that the party is beginning to move nationally and as a result it will have its effects here. [] is very confident and feels under his leadership the district is head in the correct direction. He feels the district convention will be small but will be a good one."

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TO: SAC, CHICAGO

DATE: 8/24/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO
IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

On 7/22 and 7/23/59, an enlarged NEC meeting of the CP, USA was held in CP headquarters, NYC. Among those present were EUGENE DENNIS, BURT NELSON, CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, IRVING POTASH, JACK STACHEL, BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.,

- 3- Chicago (RM)
 - (1- 100- CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
- 2- Detroit (Info) (RM)
 - (1- 100-13420) (CARL WINTER)
- 2- Seattle (Info) (RM)
 - (1- 100-127) (BURT NELSON)
- 1- New York (100-80640) (CP, USA-Negro Question) (415)
- 1- New York (100-89590) (CP, USA-Strategy in Industry) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80638) (CP, USA-Membership) (415)
- 1- New York (97-169) ("The Worker")
- 1- New York (100-52959) (CHARLES LOMAN) (422)
- 1- New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1- New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-91330) [REDACTED] (415)
- 1- New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
- 1- New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1- New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
- 1- New York (100-23825) (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.) (416)
- 1- New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
- 1- New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
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HY LUMER, CARL WINTER, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, PHIL
BART, WILLIAM ALBERTSON, ARNOLD JOHNSON and [REDACTED]
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All of the above individuals were observed by
Special Agents of the FBI entering CP headquarters
presumably to attend this meeting; [REDACTED]
was observed on the first day only; and WILLIAM ALBERTSON
on the second day only.

The Bureau was furnished a summary of proceedings
at this meeting by teletypes 7/22, 23 and 24/59. This letter
is being submitted to fully disseminate the information
to individual case files.

Proceedings as reported by NY 2359-S* follow:

On 7/22/59 EUGENE DENNIS opened the meeting and
acted as chairman. He announced the agenda as (1) the
Negro Question (2) Proposed Amendments to the CP constitution
(3) Report from Sub-Committee on Draft Resolution and
(4) a series of proposals for NEC to place before NC
such as the date and place for the next convention.

ARNOLD JOHNSON then read a letter by WILLIAM Z.
FOSTER addressed to the NEC concerning changes which FOSTER
desired to be made in the draft resolution as proposed by
EUGENE DENNIS. FOSTER suggested certain changes to deal with
DENNIS' resolution. Concerning CP leadership, FOSTER
suggested that at the coming convention a three man
secretariat should be elected, composed of BEN DAVIS, Jr.,
EUGENE DENNIS and GUS HALL.

Following the reading of FOSTER's letter, BEN
DAVIS, Jr. stated that he would favor a complete reworking
of DENNIS' document if time would permit. DAVIS criticized
certain "inadequacies" of DENNIS' document, specifically
stating that the document does not stress present
conditions concerning the Negro people, the labor movement,
and events in Latin America. He said the document failed
to stress that the gains made under American capitalism

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have been achieved at the expense of the degradation of American youth, the insecurity of the American people, and the general moral decay of American society. DAVIS said that he wanted it made clear that American capitalism is "too rotten" to be reformed;

BURT NELSON stated that he had some general reservations concerning DENNIS' document which he hoped to see resolved. He said that attention should be given to the sharpening up of the growing struggle between labor and monopoly. He said that during the past year labor has been bought off by prosperity and that the labor vs. monopoly struggle will not be won without a real battle. An individual believed by informant to be [redacted] stated that he was generally in favor of the resolution.

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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT commented that he was in favor of the resolution, but added that they should place more emphasis on individual action.

CARL WINTER said that he was not in favor of the resolution expressing the thought that this resolution would cause the coming convention to "annihilate" the previous convention, adding that one convention should correct another but not downgrade it.

HY LUMER commented that he was in favor of the resolution, but agreed in part with WINTER that we must deal with past weaknesses in the Party.

ARNOLD JOHNSON stated that the Party must put forth more specific formulations on the war danger with the spotlight on Berlin. He said the Party must speak out against some of GEORGE MEANEY's statements which deal more often with foreign policy rather than economic issues; stated that the Negro people must be treated as a force which plays a specific role on the American scene.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN said that she does not like the resolution adding that it was ambiguous, part report and part resolution. She said the American people as a whole need a clear understanding of the nature of the CP; said the

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language in the resolution is full of "party cliches", not likely to be understood.

PHIL BART stated he favored some changes "here and there" in DENNIS' draft resolution.

IRVING POTASH commented that he agreed with LIGHTFOOT that the whole resolution requires a positive approach in dealing with the new problems that have arisen. He said the role of labor leaders should be sharper and that more should be said concerning the steel strike by convention time. He thought BILL (FOSTER) covered the united front question very well and was also in agreement with BEN (DAVIS) and CLUADE (LIGHTFOOT) that the Negro question must be made a central question.

JACK STACHEL said he agreed with the "main mass line of the document," but that the Party is not clear as to what kind of a document it wants; said the choice lies between a "manifesto" for the people and a resolution with conclusions. STACHEL said he favored a resolution which the Party could stand on.

JACK STACHEL stated that after a lapse of many years, attention is being given to problems of Party organization such as the holding of club meetings regularly, collection of dues, distribution of literature, mass education, problems of the united front and how to emphasize and develop the Party's vanguard role. STACHEL stated that the Party's membership today is small and the membership in the big shops and basic industries have suffered grave losses, the age level of the Party membership is very high with losses proportionately greatest among the younger members. He said the decline of Negro membership at a time when there is oppression of the Negro has been alarming.

BEN DAVIS, Jr. proposed a special section (in the resolution) on the Negro liberation movement. Referring to the French CP, DAVIS said, "The French Party has a strategic role and that strategic role is that everything lies in the direction of getting rid of the powerful

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dictatorship of DE GAULLE." Informant advised that DAVIS then referred to "our" strategic role, but due to the use of the blackboard this information was not available to the informant.

A general discussion followed re recommended changes in draft resolution.

BEN DAVIS said Negro question should be treated as separate resolution because Negro movement marks the first powerful Negro national liberation movement in America since Civil War.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT stated he sees no difficulty in accepting the draft resolution and incorporating acceptable changes.

DAVIS said he would not vote for just a main line document; He agreed general main line was correct but that "the line is one thing and the document still another thing".

DENNIS argued agreement must be reached on main line before proceeding to act on any amendments, additions, etc; DENNIS proposed draft resolution be discussed and its main political line approved. DENNIS said the approved draft resolution should be taken to the National Committee. Further suggested NEC explain to National Committee why it was unable to have second draft, embodying criticisms and suggestions voiced before NEC. He stated NEC should indicate nature of changes proposed and he noted that National Committee would have its own additional proposals.

Following brief recess, meeting reconvened and considered proposed changes in Communist constitution and its preamble.

DAVIS stated wording of preamble should be changed from "American Negroes" to "American Negro Citizens"

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to emphasize the Negroes' status as "citizens". DAVIS also called for separation of terms, "Fascism and Communism" in preamble.

CARL WINTER proposed only such changes be made in constitution as are absolutely necessary for the next stage in the advancement of the Party and changes be only in such form as may be popularly understood and defended. WINTER feels only a few amendments to constitution should be made rather than a new draft constitution. He said there are some changes he would like to see in constitution, but feels it would be too difficult to explain changes in popular mass way. WINTER referred to page 5 of present constitution and sentence dealing with independence and equality of various communist parties of world. He said he disliked sentence and liked history of sentence even less but feels changing it would not be a grammatical change but a political act inasmuch as a major charge against the Party concerns its relationship with other parties (CPS of other countries). WINTER warned against "playing into the hands of the enemy" by making such a change in the constitution. He said Party has a job to do to make Marxism-Leninism understood in its proper sense among American workers and to rid it of distorted meaning given it, and to bring forward scientific socialism as developed by MARX, ENGELS, and LENIN. WINTER stated writing Marxism-Leninism into constitution some years and deleting it other years enabled enemy to seize upon this to conjure up an absolutely fantastic theory of some kind of new direction of the Party. WINTER referred to people outside the Party now fighting Party such as MEYER (FRANK S. MEYER, who testified before HCUA). He pointed out such enemies of Party could utilize changes in constitution.

HY LUMER referred to HCUA hearing in Washington, D.C. on 7/21/59. He said core of the hearing was that Comrade JAMES JACKSON returned here (from Russia) with a series of directives and then whatever happens after that is a result of these directives. LUMER stated what is done on the constitution must be considered in

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light of these developments and interpretation that will be placed on every word. He said they must go easy in proposing a lot of changes.

BEN DAVIS spoke in favor of including the preamble of constitution and encouraging discussion by the members:

The motion to refer all amendments, articles and sections to the constitution committee was passed. Informant was unable to determine exact vote. A second motion to set up a committee of three who will prepare a draft of the preamble was apparently passed but informant was unable to furnish any additional information re this motion:

On 7/23/59, NY 2359-S* advised that on this date the enlarged NEC meeting continued at CP headquarters, NYC.

DENNIS proposed first order of business be presentation of couple of motions on draft political resolutions. DENNIS read motion he prepared showing NEC generally approved main line of draft resolutions for seventeenth convention and will submit it to National Committee for its consideration. He included a few changes on role of Negro people, struggle for peace, and certain aspects of Party work.

NELSON read short resolution which emphasized inherent danger of monopoly-capitalism. A general discussion followed but DENNIS insisted on "expediting" and called for motion to accept essence of NELSON's motion with appropriate editorial changes. In calling for vote on DENNIS' resolution there was considerable discussion on whether count of pros and cons for resolution should be reported to National Committee. LIGHTFOOT called for vote on resolution and for elimination of tally of individual preferences. DENNIS called for vote and DENNIS' resolution was carried.

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DENNIS proposed as next order of business, Negro question. He indicated JAMES JACKSON was still on vacation. A discussion followed: DENNIS stated struggle of Negro people should be intertwined with anti-monopoly struggle. WINTER stated it should be related to fundamental alliance with all forces.

LIGHTFOOT mentioned three things that should be incorporated in resolution: one, the strength of world socialism and the colonial liberation movement has forced recognition of the Negro question as the number one domestic question. Two, the role of CP,USA and its contribution to the current world situation has been weak. He proposed the resolution be "sharpened up" on contribution CP,USA has made to National Negro Liberation Movement. Three, there must be a basic political realignment of Negro people within framework of socialism. He said this document should give "strategic direction" to Negro movement as to how it can achieve its goal. He noted NAACP is not giving such direction.

DAVIS utilized added security of blackboard and informant was unable to determine full context of his remarks. DAVIS feels resolution does not evaluate fully the situation. He said Party should place before "united working class" a firm position on struggle for Negro freedom. DAVIS remarked there are three fundamental questions that should be reflected in resolution: one, the fact the Negro people's movement is trying to teach "democratic channels". Two, Party policy on question of self-determination should be stronger. Three, Party must show it is a fighting instrument.

LUMER said he felt resolution could be improved.

JOHNSON felt section on South should be enlarged. He stated "our" discussions should relate to problems in areas where there is activity on Negro question.

BART stated he felt Party should adhere to concept of liberation for Negro people.

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ALBERTSON felt resolution should include estimate of leadership of Negro people's movement. He said Negro comrades would not accept resolution as it stands.

POTASH stated leadership and changes in Negro people's movement should be dealt with.

JACK STACHEL and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT alternated in reading the draft resolution on Party organization. This document is summarized as follows: The 17th Party convention will have to give attention to a number of theoretic and political questions; the CP today is dedicated to a better life for the workers. Regarding isolation of the Party, this situation will not clear up by "wishful thinking" but only through hard work; the ruling class is attempting to take all legal rights from the Party, to intimidate people away from the Party and to tell slanderous lies about the Party. It was stated that the Party must overcome this by working with labor and by being identified with the people. All struggles will be effective only when the Party establishes a strong base in the working class; the Negro people are playing a major role in shaping the future of our country, and the Party has to be in the forefront of the struggle in social, economic and political fields. Regarding youth, it was stated that it is important that the Party continue its work in the youth field so that when these youths become adults many of them will find their place in the CP. Regarding problems of circulation of Party literature, civil rights, etc., this to be taken up in the clubs; every shop club will have an education section and every Party club, shop or neighborhood, should have a program of work. The Party must increase its membership and develop a national approach to this question. In order to guarantee membership there must be a full-time organizer and the Party must develop political understanding of the membership and build responsibility on a basis of democratic centralism. It was stated that the Party must increase the circulation of the Party press, set up new clubs and thus bring in new members. The building of "The Worker" has to become a normal day to day task in the Party.

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Informant advised that a general discussion followed the reading of the draft resolution.

EUGENE DENNIS commented that the NEC has decided to inform the National Committee of the proposals concerning the resolution on organization.

HY LUMER commented that JACK STACHEL did not propose the final definitive draft resolution on Party organization, but read a proposed form which could serve as the basis for the draft resolution. LUMER said the draft resolution itself would be ready by September.

MICKEY LIMA commented that the problem was how to characterize the Partys' main experiences of the past few years and incorporate them into this document.

DENNIS then suggested that the committee working on the resolution be authorized to poll opinions.

IRVING POTASH stated that the resolution should be prepared as a "document" not as an "article" and it then should be sent to the members of the National Committee. He added that the opinions and proposals of National Committee members could then be embodied into a resolution by the NEC.

DENNIS introduced the next topic for discussion as the report of the sub-committee on arrangements for the convention dealing specifically with the matter of determining how delegates from the various districts would be selected to attend the convention.

PHIL BART then presented "formulas" under consideration for proportioning delegates but he utilized the added security of the blackboard in so doing and this information was not available to the informant. BART said that the sub-committee has suggested that only those members with dues paid from the first ten months of the year should be eligible for selection as delegates to the convention.

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CARL WINTER opposed the date of October 1st as the ten month limit, stating that dues, and collections often run behind their due date so he figured December 1st as the cut off date.

Following BART's proposals general discussion took place. A motion was passed to present to the National Committee a resolution which would be presented to the state convention to the effect that the state conventions would hold off on the election of National Committee members until after the National Convention has determined the procedure to be followed in changing the method of election.

Next a discussion was held regarding CHARLIE LOMAN. BEN DAVIS stated that he did not feel the National Committee should act concerning LOMAN unless it also "reviewed a number of other forces in the Party". He said the New York State Committee should handle the LOMAN matter and that the National Committee should take whatever action is recommended by the state.

MICKEY LIMA stated that the only action the National Committee could take in view of LOMAN's activities and evidence against him was to recommend his removal from the National Committee. No decision was reached as to how the LOMAN matter would be handled.

EUGENE DENNIS made a motion that the NEC recommend to all state committees that they prepare resolutions on the political situation in their respective states. He commented that this was not done at the 1957 convention and it hampered discussion. This motion was passed. Meeting adjourned.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

8/26/59

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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(WEEKLY SUMMARY, 8/17-23/59)
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On 8/17/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed in their apartment a dispute which was presently taking place in Chicago regarding CP leadership. Subject advised that the main contenders in the argument were CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and SAM KUSHNER. He said that LIGHTFOOT is presently the "head man" in Chicago and that KUSHNER wants to replace him. He said that the real trouble lies in the fact that LIGHTFOOT shuns leadership and responsibility and that the Chicago organization needs just that. Subject's wife commented that she had thought the same thing about LIGHTFOOT and that all he really needs is a good Organizational Secretary to help him out. MORRIS CHILDS is mentioned as being involved in this dispute. PHIL commented that CONNIE was right in that LIGHTFOOT could use a good org. sec. and pointed out that that is what was done on the West Coast and it turned the trick. He said, however, a new org. sec. would not help LIGHTFOOT in his fight with KUSHNER.

The subject later mentioned that MORRIS CHILDS had told him that JIM JACKSON had sent him a telegram saying that he was coming to Chicago and intended to stay with CHILDS. BART said that JACKSON said he was bringing his whole family and that CHILDS did not know what to do as his wife is very ill. He commented that CHILDS knew where JACKSON was for the last two months, but no one else did, not even DENNIS or GUS HALL. He said that MORRIS told him that JACKSON now wants to write a pamphlet and he does not see how he can do it with the convention coming up and JACKSON being responsible for one of the main resolutions.

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BART said that he did not know what was wrong with JACKSON and that he has no organizational responsibility. He said that he is a very able person who has a very exaggerated opinion of himself.

The subject later told his wife that he had arranged for BETTY GANNETT to meet with MORRIS CHILDS for an hour on that day for lunch. He commented that GANNETT is very difficult to talk to because she is too self-centered. He said that if all her ideas are not accepted, she thinks that everyone is against her and that if she cannot shine she is lost.

BART continued saying that when GANNETT goes to a meeting where there are four or five people and it is only for an hour, she wants to talk for 45 minutes. He said that this is not a discussion but a monopoly. The conversation then turned to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and the fact that he also can monopolize a conversation. BART said that when GUS HALL went to see FOSTER for two hours he came back and said that he had only been able to talk for 15 minutes.

On 8/17/59, NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and they spoke about a pamphlet she is preparing for the 40th anniversary of the CPUSA. FLYNN then said that she had spoken with EDNA WINSTON the previous day and EDNA had told her that HENRY WINSTON was very grateful for the new efforts they were making on behalf of his release. FLYNN said that EDNA had said that HENRY did not want to try for parole again and seemed to feel that they should concentrate on amnesty. FLYNN commented that they had better get together on this as BOB THOMPSON wants one way and GIL GREEN another, and WINSTON a third way. She said that there will have to be some coordination on the whole effort.

The discussion continued and FLYNN said that WINSTON had told JOHN ABT when he was down to visit him that he did not like the idea of the person they had gotten for parole advisor (NORMAN THOMAS).

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They both then agreed that they could not see WINSTON'S / on NORMAN and that although he has been lambasted by the Party, he has always given them a break.

FLYNN then commented that she was "laying off" food and drink for a while because she has to bring her weight down as she has to wear her fall clothes.

On 8/18/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife discussed JACK KILLING and CONNIE commented that the KILLINGS were really having a rough time of it. She commented that someone in the family is very ill and that she would send a card to them in the hospital.

The subject then told his wife that FRANK FISHER, from Philadelphia, had called him twice during the week to make an appointment to get together. BART commented that apparently FISHER is having a very difficult time with his wife.

NY 1749-S* furnished information on 8/18/59, that EDNA WINSTON had contacted the subject and told him that she had arranged to get someone to drive her on Saturday to Brichl's Farm. The subject told her that he had also made arrangements with the person who is presently driving BILL FOSTER'S car to drive her up. WINSTON then agreed to cancel her arrangements since the subject had made a previous commitment for her. They then arranged that she would be picked up on Saturday at 10:00 AM, at her apartment in the Worker's Colony.

NY 1750-S* advised on 8/19/59, that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, discussed the fact that they were both going out that evening to separate CP meetings.

NY 1749-S* advised on 8/20/59, that the subject had contacted his wife and told her that he was at that time in Harlem and that he would be attending a meeting there until approximately 10:00 PM.

NY 1750-S* advised on 8/21/59, that the subject and his wife had been visited that evening by JIM TORMEY, Kings County CP organizer. During the evening, the subject

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told TORMEY that he had been talking to BILL ALBERTSON about a very good meeting they had during the week and that they had estimated it had been attended by between 125 to 150 people. He also told them that WILLIAM PATTERSON'S wife, LOUISE, had been in an accident the previous weekend and that she had broken her arm.

CONNIE BART asked TORMEY if he would be able to attend a meeting the following Tuesday night (8/25/59) in her apartment. She said that PEARL LAWS and DANNY RUBEL were also expected. TORMEY commented that he did not feel he would be able to as he was supposed to attend a meeting at HARRY ONCHER'S who is a Section Organizer.

During the evening, CONNIE and TORMEY also discussed various people in the Kings County CP and TORMEY spoke admiringly of AGNES (WILLIS), who he described as a very remarkable person and who had raised two children all by herself. He said that AGNES who could not be more than 35 years old, is a member of the UE and had obtained all her education from the union. CONNIE commented that AGNES had more on the ball than many others in the organization.

Later in the evening, the BARTS and TORMEY discussed recontacting former CP members and persons, who had dropped out of the CP, in order to bring them back. A number of persons were mentioned in connection with this program. At one point CONNIE BART asked TORMEY how the Kings County CP Fund Drive was progressing and he said that 40% of the \$15,000 had been raised.

On 8/22/59, NY 1750-S² advised that the subject and his wife were discussing CP meetings and the subject told his wife that the Brooklyn CP organization should wait until after the next National Committee meeting before having a County Convention, in order to see what is decided. He told her that the district convention should be in January and the section convention in February.

Subject then discussed funds in connection with the coming National Convention of the CP and commented that every member who is not a member at large should pay \$75.00 to defray the expenses of those attending the convention. He said that he was also going to suggest that this should also apply to the New York delegates. He commented that during the last convention, the Party was caught shorthanded financially when all these people came and they were not able to reimburse them.

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On [redacted]
[redacted]
picked up [redacted] of "The Worker"
at the New York Central Railroad Station at Niles,
Michigan, a little after 3 P.M. [redacted] was scheduled
to speak at a meeting to be held at the residence of
[redacted]

during the evening of [redacted] Conversation set
forth below occurred both before and after the
meeting.

[redacted] after
picking him up from the railroad station. [redacted]
[redacted] After the meeting
which was over a little after midnight, [redacted]
returned [redacted] and the two individuals
sat around talking until about 4 A.M.

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The discussion between [redacted]
concerned many subjects such as "The Worker," the sub
drive in Indiana and elsewhere, and the workings of
the Communist Party in Indiana. [redacted] went into
considerable detail with [redacted] on party organization
in [redacted]
[redacted] and the
[redacted] that the
[redacted] had about 100 members and that the
[redacted]
were just now starting some activity. The two individuals
discussed [redacted]
[redacted]

[redacted] was now out of the
Communist Party. [redacted] described the past history
of the CP in Indiana, mentioning the activities of
such individuals as [redacted] and Phil Bart.
[redacted] commented that Phil Bart was now taking over
some of the duties of [redacted] who had
recently surrendered and was now in prison.

[redacted] expressed interest as to whether
[redacted] was coming to the next convention of the CPUSA,

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which [] would be held in December of 1959. [] indicated that he undoubtedly would attend this convention. [] explained to [] his own role in []

[] to the Communist Party Office located in a trailer at U. S. 31 and Ontario Street, south of Niles, Michigan. [] was very interested in the mimeograph machine at the CP office. He stated that the Worker in New York City had all kinds of request for literature, but that since they could not afford to print the literature, they had to turn down the requests. [] displayed to [] examples of CP literature which he had mimeographed, as well as literature which he had mimeographed commercially, and [] indicated that he felt that this was a very worthwhile method of reproducing such literature. [] reported to [] that [] who had come to South Bend during the early 1950's, had been doing a good job organizationally speaking. [] stated that the colonizers throughout the United States had just about thinned out.

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[] stated that the Communist Party in Detroit was relatively inactive. He stated that the Ford local had no branch of the CP that was active.

[] questioned [] mostly concerning the work that [] of the CP in Indiana, was doing in South Bend and elsewhere in Indiana. [] a favorable report on [] activities.

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ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CG 5824-S*, on August 10, 1959, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING a mimeographed letter dated August 6, 1959, addressed "To All Members of the N.E.C.", and signed by PHIL BART. The following is the complete text of this letter:

"The next full meeting of the N.E.C. will be held Friday and Saturday, September 18th and 19th. It will open on Friday at 10:30 A.M. We are giving you adequate time so that you can make all arrangements for the meeting."

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 2 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-30641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 2 - Chicago
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81) DATE: 8/17/59
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33729)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
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CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on August 7, 1959, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING, for photostating, a typewritten letter, dated July 22, 1955; however, it is believed the date should be July 22, 1959. This letter was written by MAE WILLIAMSON, wife of JOHN WILLIAMSON, of 3 Niederwald Road, London, England, and was mailed to JACK and SUE KLING, 4307 North Troy, Chicago, Illinois.

One photostat copy of this letter is enclosed herewith to the Bureau and to the New York Division. The Chicago copy is located in Chicago file 100-33729-1A62.

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 - (1 - 100-23774) (JOHN WILLIAMSON)
 - (1 - 100-) (MAE WILLIAMSON)
- 9 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
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 - (1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - (1 - 100-3306) (SYLVIA CHILDS)
 - (1 - 100-27232) (DANNY GREEN)
 - (1 - 100-33320) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-3313) (JACK KLING)
 - (1 - 100-16859) (SUE KLING)

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[Handwritten signatures and initials in a box]

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The persons referred to as "CHILDS" in paragraph #1 are MORRIS and SYLVIA CHILDS, of Chicago. "DANNY [redacted] who spent some days with the WILLIAMSONs is DANNY GREEN, son of GIL GREEN, and [redacted]

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In paragraphs #2 and #4, MAE WILLIAMSON indicates that she is still planning a trip to the United States before May, 1960.

"BOB and NEIL", mentioned in paragraph #3, are the sons of JOHN and MAE WILLIAMSON. It is noted that in paragraph #3, MAE WILLIAMSON indicates that JOHN WILLIAMSON is District Secretary and a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party of Great Britain.

In paragraph #4, MAE WILLIAMSON refers to the fact that JACK KLING is now a hairdresser. "PHIL", referred to by MAE WILLIAMSON in the last paragraph, is PHIL BART.

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ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CG 5824-S*, on August 10, 1959, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING, for photostating, a mimeographed letter dated August 6, 1959, addressed "To All Districts", and signed "Phil Bart, National Organizational Sec'y". This letter states that a letter of explanation and copies of a referendum were being enclosed for all clubs. The enclosure is a letter dated August 7, 1959, and is addressed "To All Clubs", and signed "Phil Bart, National Organizational Sec'y". The enclosure contains the referendum on deleting that portion of the Constitution which provides that Districts can elect some members of the National Committee and authorizing that a substitute provision be adopted at the next National Convention.

One copy of each of these items is enclosed herewith to the Bureau and to the New York Division. The Chicago copies are located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (101).

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

DATE: 8/20/59

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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On 7/25/59, and 7/26/59, the following individuals were observed by Special Agents of the FBI entering Adelphi Hall, 74 5th Avenue, New York City, presumably to attend the meeting of the National Committee (NC), Communist Party (CP), USA, being held on those dates:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
PHIL BART
ERIC BERT (1st day only)
EMANUEL BLUM
HOMER BATES CHASE (2nd day only)
JESUS COLON
BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.
EUGENE DENNIS
BEN DOBBS
TOM DENNIS
CHARLES DIRBA
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
NAT GANLEY (2nd day only)
BETTY GANNETT
SIMON GERSON
FLO HALL
GUS HALL
SYLVIA HALL (1st day only)
DOROTHY HEALEY
JOHN HELLMAN
ARNOLD JOHNSON
HOSEA HUDSON (2nd day only)
MARY KALB (2nd day only)
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CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
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ALAN SHAW
JACK SHULMAN
JACK STACHEL
PAT TOOHEY
ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG
RALPH TURNER
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
JAMES WEST (1st day only)
CARL WINTER
ISIDORE WOFSEY

It is noted that a number of the above individuals were observed on only one of the two days.

[redacted] who was present at the meeting, advised that he observed the following individuals present at the meeting on both 7/25/59 and 7/26/59:

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ERIC BERT
HOMER BATES CHASE
NAT GANLEY
HOSEA HUDSON
MARY KALB
GEORGE MORRIS
CONSTANTINE RADZIE
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The following are the highlights and most important statements made at this meeting as reported by NY 2656-S* on 7/25 and 7/26/59.

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FIRST DAYS SESSION
July 25, 1959

At the first day's session of the NC meeting held on July 25, 1959 TOM DENNIS was elected Chairman. BEN DOBBS was elected Secretary for the meeting and PHIL BART was designated to bring in the recommendations of the NEC.

BART announced the agenda as follows:

1. Discussion of the steel strike.
2. Discussion of the draft political resolution.
3. Political questions.
4. Discussion of the draft constitution.
5. Resolution on Party consolidation.
6. Discussion of preparations for the national convention.

BART also announced the agenda for the following day's session. He said that on July 26, 1959 discussion would be concerned with the negro question and the draft constitution.

Remarks of ANTON KRCHMAREK

The steel strike has evidently been selected as a testing ground for some of the more direct policies that the ruling class in this country is attempting to carry out. This is the culmination of the preparations that have been made over the past dozen or so years. The Taft Hartley Act, the activities of the Mc Clellan Committee and similar factors - all of these were in preparation for the time when they would be ready to move in. The ruling class evidently feels it is not necessary to make further concessions to the working class. In the past years easy concessions have been

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gotten by organized labor. I think the international situation has something to do with it - the feeling that war is something they can't carry through at the present time, and the time has come to settle accounts with the workers at home. I think they want to show who's boss in this capitalist country.

They have undertaken very careful preparations all down the line. The ideological offensive has been stepped up and has brought better results than they anticipated. The unions are on the defensive. MC DONALD went in with the usual line about expecting the usual procedure and then come out with some gains. This has not happened. The Union is on the defensive. That is the situation now. In our area there have been some important developments along that line. First of all, there is a feeling that it will be a long strike - at least two or three months. It is also our feeling that the workers have not felt it yet. In Ohio there has been some 15 or 20 million dollars paid out on supplementary unemployment benefits, there has been vacation pay, etc. As a result, the impact has not yet been felt.

In Cleveland, Youngstown authorities are preparing for a big push on relief. The district has set up welfare committees to handle all relief cases. Picketing has been organized the way it has not been in a long time in our district. The situation is not the same in other districts I understand. Nobody is exempt from picketing. People appear when they are supposed to. One other thing in our area which is important is the refusal of the union to provide maintenance crews. This has happened in some areas in other states but not very much. With the exception of the J. and L. in Cleveland, none of the mills are provided with maintenance crews. I understand that in Pittsburgh, the companies have to take out an injunction to allow supervisory people to enter.

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In Lorraine, where the supervisory personnel was doing maintenance, within a half hour, 250 pickets were on the line and blocked the entry of the foremen into the mill. This continued until an agreement was made that foremen would not do maintenance work. One of the main factors is the lack of understanding about what the strike is for. Union leadership has not taken steps to inform the workers what is the issue. One of the issues is the arrogant manner in which the company placed the 8 point demand for placing into their hands controls which would give management the say so over seniority, speed ups, work groups, work relation, etc. This created a new situation as far as the morale of the steel worker is concerned. It has given them a fighting issue - defending the gains that they have ^{won} over the past 25 years. On this they vow they will never retreat. There is a new kind of militancy. There is a lot of unity and experience as a result of last year's struggle on the right to work laws. This is bound to leave its impact. The unions were negative in their attitude on the right to work fight but as it got under way, a tremendous spirit developed.

The big problem is to make the entire working class conscious of its responsibilities, not just to help the steel worker, but that their welfare is also at stake. If capital is successful, they will do it right down the line. They said so. This is what we have to impress on the whole working class. Without that, the fight cannot be won. The united labor organization formed for the right to work campaign, has been revived. A question came up about moving some slag by the Teamsters Union and immediately pickets rushed down there and it was worked out very harmoniously.. I think we have to develop solidarity on a true local level. There are no obstacles to this. "We find that the Party name is welcome in" When we distributed leaflets in one area, people came up and said "Why don't you get something out on the steel strike?".

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They said, "We are going to be on strike in two weeks, why don't you get something out on that?" I think that "The Worker" is beginning to play the kind of job our paper should play in a struggle of this kind, and I think it is going to enable us to bring "The Worker" to the people and to build circulation.

I think that the Party has an opportunity now to enter into struggle and I feel that in Ohio, at least, we are beginning to enter into the struggle. I feel that the Party from the top to the bottom is beginning to play a role directly influencing the course of these developments. I know it has had an influence on our organization especially on the steel areas. Before we had trouble getting a meeting, now we meet, put out a leaflet and distribute it. I think our whole Party has to become involved with this. What is involved is that it requires that the whole working class become involved in the steel strike. This is the challenge to the working class. It is one that will be felt for a long time not only in the economy but also in the political and election fields. Things are building slowly. Problems are beginning to appear for us and the workers. They want help. In the education of the workers as to the why of the strike, they are lost. They don't know how to tackle the job and they are trying to find a way. They are hungry for help. We should help the locals to carry through the things they want done now. They realize what the danger is and what can be done.

We are also carrying the message to the negro community - what it involves to the negro workers because of the work relation and automation as its greatest impact upon the negro workers. I think, Comrades, we have to put our Party on a real fighting basis. I think that the whole Party should become involved in one way or another. There is no reason that even in non-steel area, action cannot be taken by the labor unions - action and support, maybe even relief. There

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is no strike fund in the steel union. Therefore, there is the question of financial support, food, clothing, etc. I think we should see this as a job for our Party.

Remarks of individual believed to be EMANUEL BLUM

I would like to report on the Gary area. As far as steel workers in Gary are concerned, generally, they go fishing, they fix up the house, they go home. This has been the pattern. Union leadership also has been in a situation for some 25 years, that "instead of asking for our cooperation" A history of this sort does not allow for real preparation in the struggle that is shaping up. It does not prepare the labor leaders for the sharp close struggle that is needed today. The fact is that it does not prepare the worker either. Workers and company realize that this is a different situation where the company is trying to write a new type of contract. What is the basis for this attempt at a new contract and what is different? It seems to us that the developments of the means of production is carrying its effect on the contractual relations and what the companies now feel that they need written into the contract. In the past four years automation has grown to an extent that the increase in production is so great that it speeds up production in the "automated" and non-automated" departments and forces everybody to work faster.

In steel mills they have adopted a whole system for cutting the workers' production. This is not something the companies plan to do now, this is something they have been doing all along to companies who won't sign a contract that will guarantee that the increase of work necessitated by the new development of the means of production in the steel industry will be written into the law of the steel mills. So there is no turning back. They are forced to take this position. That is why it is going to be a very serious struggle - different from the previous ones.

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In the Oak Grove Mills, hundreds of thousands used to roll steel plates. These mills were replaced by new rolling mills. These roll single sheets of steel with only a handful of production and maintenance workers. Companies have been able to abolish a whole department with hundreds of workers whose job it was to inspect the rolled plate. No longer held up by the human element, the steel comes through much faster and forces the rest of the workers to work more and faster right down the line. Here again automation lays off workers in one department but speeds up and gets more production out of others.

While many of the workers do not know what the issues are, they know certain things that they want. They do want a shorter work week. They themselves feel that the shorter work week is needed and they feel that the union won't fight for it. One of the big tasks today is to bring forward a program of demands and arouse the men. The union sent its leadership around to the meetings to arouse the men. "The union's leadership by itself hasn't got the strength, courage or background to" It is necessary especially for the Party to help. What we need is a program to meet the challenge of automation. There should be work rules to defend the worker and the job.

Some 25 to 30 per cent of the steel workers in Gary and probably in the rest of the country are negroes and they have been hurt most by the speed up policies of the companies. We can appeal to the negro not only on a class basis but on a national basis.

As far as the Party is concerned we have the job of joining forces with the union to help guarantee a real organization of the people.

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On 9/30/59, NY 694-S advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on said date there was a meeting of the CP National Finance Committee at the Labor Research Library. Present were LEM HARRIS, JACK CHILDS, and ISADORE WOFSY, who acted as chairman.

WOFSY stated that at no time in the CP's history were funds as low as they are now. As regards the CP Reserve Fund, he said the only cash now available is \$3,000.00 for which JACK CHILDS is depository, \$2,000.00 for which ARTHUR STEIN is depository, and \$1,000.00 for which ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN is depository.

To date, during the current year, according to Wofsy, the Reserve Fund has contributed \$90,000.00 to the CP National Office. Forty thousand of this amount had been given to the Reserve Fund by EUGENE DENNIS, who had indicated to WOFSY that this money was derived from "a special enterprise on the West Coast." (Actually, this money was derived from a source mentioned in the case entitled "SOLO; IS-C".)

WOFSY said he had called to EUGENE DENNIS' attention "the precarious financial situation" of the CP Reserve Fund, and that DENNIS' comment was that the NY State CP likewise is "down to nothing" financially. PHIL BART, to whom WOFSY also mentioned this matter, stated that "very little in dues is coming in from the districts." According to WOFSY, no money at all has been received from Camp Wingdale.

12th-13th Street Corporation

WOFSY reported that CHARLES KELNER, former manager of the building at 35 East 12th Street, has agreed to settle his claims to the said building for \$25,000.00. He will receive four payments per year and should be fully paid within 3 or 4 years. He has been replaced as manager of the building by [redacted] [redacted] well-known to LEM HARRIS, with whom he was associated for years in the Party's farm research program. [redacted] will be paid about \$4,000.00 per year to manage the buildin

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At the present moment, WOFSY reported, plans to sell the building have been abandoned, but should the critical financial situation continue, WOFSY would again recommend selling the building.

Investigation of KELNER's books by DAVID FREEDMAN, the CP's attorney, reflected "certain discrepancies" - possibly embezzlement on the part of KELNER. Upon completion of the investigation, which is still continuing, KELNER will be confronted with the findings for the purpose of possibly compelling him to accept a lower amount of "blackmail money."

LEM HARRIS

LEM HARRIS stated that his contemplated trip to the West Coast and Mexico City to contact potential and former donors to the Reserve Fund is being delayed by circumstances beyond his control. He is prepared to go momentarily, but cannot leave until he receives from West Coast authorities a "reciprocal insurance license." HARRIS, while on the West Coast, hopes to sell some insurance besides contacting donors. At the present time he plans to go first to San Francisco, then to Los Angeles, and finally to Mexico City. He was evasive with respect to his proposed date of departure and method of travel. He mentioned that he hoped to get "a cross-continental tourist airline ticket." He further stated that, once having arrived on the West Coast, he thereafter would make no reservations for further travel, and would utilize "no show tickets." (According to NY 694-S, a "no show ticket" is a ticket bought at an airport, and available by reason of a last-minute cancellation.)

While on the West Coast, HARRIS will consult with CP functionary GUS HALL, who presumably is in a position to advise HARRIS regarding the best method of approaching donors on the Coast. In order to be certain of contacting GUS HALL, HARRIS said he would obtain from the CP National Office a copy of HALL's itinerary. In San Francisco, HARRIS will contact ALBERT ("MICKIE") LIMA, but as yet he does not know whom he will contact in Los Angeles. In Mexico City he will contact FRED FIELD.

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Remarks of SAM KUSHNER

From yesterday's discussion it was clear that there is a greater amount of rank and file participation especially in Buffalo, Gary and the Ohio Valley and Cleveland than there is in the South Chicago area, which has, for the past fifteen years, been considered one of the more backward areas. In a real sense, the locals there are demonstrative locals - at least they were. The strike is conducted on that basis. For example, in the South Chicago mill a big US steel mill - there, out of more than ten thousand strikers, it is estimated by our Comrades that no more than two hundred people are actively participating in the strike thus far. This is outside of the first night demonstration when 1400 people walked to the gate to shut the joint down. Although the strike is ten days old, there are a number of gates that are padlocked and have a sign but there are no pickets. This is a conscious agreement between the local 65 leadership and the company. The agreement is that these gates will remain locked. "Don't worry about it, keep your pickets in the trailers and the poker game is much more interesting than spending your time on the line". I should agree but it is not the class struggle, it is not the strike. As a result of the unpreparedness of the local leadership in this situation, there was not a struggle within local Executive Board who thought that there would be a strike 24 hours before the strike began. This was not necessarily the sentiment of the worker in the shop but this was the view of the local leadership. They thought it would be postponed. Therein lies the problem.

The very nature of the strike has not impressed itself on the secondary leadership in this area. Even in the limited number of pickets, the negro workers are playing the dominant role. The leadership is white. Thirty to forty per cent of the membership is negro but the pickets lines are seventy

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per cent and up, made up of negroes. The union leadership has made only routine preparations for relief. Now I think we should have no illusions and our Comrades in steel have none that the community service program and the relief in the counties will fill the needs of the workers after the second week of the strike.

Our Comrades in steel are urging that the Party in Illinois begin the collection of food to aid particularly Spanish speaking and negro workers who will be in need very soon.

During the first six months the Midland Steel Company increased its profit over last year by about 110 per cent, while increasing its sales by only 27 per cent. Some of the smaller companies increased their profits by 1000 per cent over last year, while increasing sales by only small fractions. Some Comrades have worried about the fact that the steel strike has become extravagant. I think that I would be concerned that the steel workers are not only on the defensive but are not willingly on the defensive. Steel corporations are working on the 8 point program to change every bit of the mills. Now everybody knows about Section 2B which will eliminate all the past agreements of past records. There are some things that remain dangerous, for example, where you have steel corporations who have the right to summarily discharge anyone for making a wildcat strike. The companies are mad because the workers are taking the legal route to fight this. In South Chicago there are thousands of people going in and out of the US steel plant - supervisory help. The supervisory help are attending classes and the foremen have informed their workers who are still working in South Chicago that the main subject in the classes is how to cut throats when the strike is over, regardless of what the settlement is.

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No matter how it ends, the foremen must inform the steel workers that the steel mills will be different when the strike is over. The companies will have to go back and carry on the offensive in the mill against the steel workers, regardless of what they are forced to settle for in negotiations.

Our first Party leaflet in the Illinois district is out today. I hope to have copies before the NEC is over. The leaflet is address to the community as a whole and is entitled, "Your Special Steel Strike". We feel that it is necessary to begin to win public opinion. We feel that we must address our attention primarily to the steel workers for carrying on all the strike activity which will bring the issue more clearly to the worker. We feel that it is of most importance that the steel strike has a danger sign to the railroad workers, the packing house workers and others in our city who, like the steel workers, have to get $18\frac{1}{2}$ cents.

The situation at this moment in South Chicago is not a good one. I think that more steel workers appreciate the problems today then they did a week ago and that there is the potential of mushrooming sentiment for the strike, thus making an important contribution.

Remarks of individual believed to be GEORGE MEYERS

I would just like to say that I believe the three previous speakers covered the situation well, for what is happening in this present steel strike and the same thing goes as much as the Baltimore area is concerned. There are 50,000 workers on strike, one-half of whom are negro. I want to underline one thing, and that is the question of the need and the ability to strengthen and build negro - white unity in this kind of a situation. It is absolutely imperative to the winning of the strike, and the prevention of a serious deficit.

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I would like to inform the NC of a couple of things that happened in Baltimore to show the intensity of the tense situation as far as the strike is concerned. As previous speakers have said, most people are expecting a long drawn out strike. Many people think that that is the way in which the company is going to conduct itself, but I think we are going to find that it goes a lot beyond that. There are a number of ads in the paper, there is one example. As soon as the strike started in Baltimore, there were those who attacked the white leaders of the unions as being "negro lovers". We know that this was not just an accident, that 17 men would get together to conduct this kind of a campaign. In addition to that, there have been five different instances where white union leaders on a lower echelon have been in fist fights. All kinds of charges are being made against negro workers' opposition to the use of union funds for relief, etc. I would like to remind the NC that in 1943 there was promoted in the shipyards of Baltimore, organization against negroes and Jews. They were beaten violently and many workers had to be taken off the jobs when hit by tools, nuts and bolts and every other thing. This is the same company where it was necessary to threaten the use of the Coast Guard. It's using the same tactics today and we can expect more of it. I have pointed ^{out} this fight in order to build negro - white unity.

Remarks of individual believed to be MORTIMER SCHEER

There are 25,000 steel workers on strike in Buffalo. These workers also have become confused about the main issues of the strike. No two workers told me the same thing. Most of them were in favor of the strike because they didn't see any alternative. Although it was indicated to them that there would be a short work week they indicated that they didn't care much

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about it. It was not an issue that impressed them. Why do the workers feel this way? They have gone through plenty over the years since the last contract. A lot of work has been eliminated from their jobs and speed up is terrific. To them the question of job security is one of the main issues.

The workers do not clearly know what is involved because the leadership has not gone out of its way to mobilize them and to indicate to them what the main issues of the strike are. The main thing that the union has done is to talk to the press and to see that MC DONALD's picture is in it, and to promote propaganda on inflation. Now in our area, we put up a pretty good campaign to get the "JOHNNYS" back in the steel mill. We have been getting out material before the steel plants for the last four months. I have just now started to do pieces of material at work. They take it, they read it, they put it in their pockets and they want to read tomorrow what we have to say. Last Friday they were picked up by cops. The workers milled around the car and they took us to headquarters for about fifteen or twenty minutes. Throughout this time I continued to give out material and the workers took it and read it. In addition, we are using "The Worker" in the communities and we have been showing a continuing increase in its sale.

From building this mass propaganda and also from working with steel workers in the communities we are getting the workers to discuss all of the various questions as a last proposal. I think that the Party leadership should assist in building Party vigilance among the steel workers.

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forces ~~exist~~ exist for the defeat of the steel corporations and big business generally in the offensive but with potential power is still to be set in motion. This is the main task today for the trade union movement and our Party must exert every effort and expend the utmost initiative and resourcefulness to help accomplish this task.

In my opinion, Comrades, the Party should do everything in our power to help make clear the plans of big business with relation to the labor movement. We should point out that EISENHOWER is taking action in the steel situation. He is not only taking action but he is being very active. We should show that he is doing everything he can, under the circumstances, to help the steel corporations. Everything should be done to expose the so called five year old fact finding role of Secretary MITCHELL. Everything should be done to stimulate a nation wide rise for solidarity and support. Move for greater unity must be made between negro and white workers. We should urge, in every way possible, that the steel unions approach the unions that are next in line, railroad, rubber and other unions, in order to bring about a greater unity for solidarity at this time.

We must also signalize the need for immediate action to build up a relief fund. At this time there is not yet a general demand upon the workers or a need for relief, but such a ^{fund} must be built up now and not wait until there is a time for actual need.

Our Party must also criticize the weaknesses and mistakes being committed by union leaders. There have been instances where union leaders have played into the hands of EISENHOWER and the steel corporations. We must check every club and establish

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Remarks of IRVING POTASH

Comrades, there is evidence that the mass of steel workers today are in a fighting mood. What is going to happen later, if the present confusion exists, is another matter. We should not underestimate the situation. You will recall that at the NC, last April, we brought out the fact that the government is playing a direct role in the steel strike. We indicated in that report that the leaders in the rest of the labor movement were showing evidence of being aware of that kind of situation and have not taken any action in accordance with their positions.

Some of us think that we must follow the same old pattern that we conducted after the war and it was the same old acts that both sides were betting on. Because of such views and because of a lackadaisical business and usual attitude, the Party did not follow and seriously recognize this situation last April and did not really act on the proposals that were made at that time. The objectives are to stop wage increases everywhere throughout the country and to whittle down the power of unions. We have anti-labor legislation designed to roll back the union gains. The objective is to weaken the political potential of the trade union movement before they can kick.

Will President EISENHOWER invoke the Taft - Hartley Law? I am not a prophet and it depends on the factors I enumerated before. One thing however, is certain and that is we must do everything in our power today to arouse the entire labor movement to that danger and to the need of action now, to prevent the use of the Taft - Hartley Act. The potential

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a system immediately of assigning certain tasks with regard to the development of the solidarity movement. At club meetings the role of the individual Party member should be reviewed to determine what he is doing and what are his accomplishments. "The Worker" will have to serve in a greater role at this time. Every effort must be made in getting our finances in order, that "The Worker" can be sent to people in the vital steel areas. There should be a coordination between "The Worker" and the national minority press.

The Party should issue a statement immediately on the steel situation along the lines we indicated. I also propose that at the end of this meeting a press release be issued on the action of this NC with regard to the steel strike. We should stimulate action on the part of liberals, intellectuals, professionals, churches, organizational citizens committees, etc., and should stimulate among the steel unions and the labor movement in general, political steps to get action.

At this time the Party has an extraordinary opportunity to come forward and move constructively in the labor movement. It is an opportunity to advance the interests of the steel workers and the labor movement generally.

Comrades, this is not an informational report, that is just to be filed away or forgotten. I propose that the NC should act on these proposals at this meeting.

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Remarks of BEN DAVIS

DAVIS thought that there should be brought forth at this time in a very "crystal form", the idea of a negro labor commission similar to the Jewish labor commission to fight for the equality of the negro worker in the trade unions. DAVIS alluded to the statement previously made that the negroes are in the forefront of the picketing in the steel strike and said that an attempt should be made to put the real emphasis on the negro question.

Remarks of CARL WINTER

CARL WINTER cautioned that the Party program on the steel strike must be implemented in such a way as not to encounter a rebuff from the unions. He suggested that the report of IRVING POTASH be referred to the resident NEC for editing in order to prevent such a rebuff.

A motion was passed that POTASH's report be adopted and referred to the NEC for editing.

Remarks of HY LUMER

Comrade GENE is very ill. We urged him to go home. I am not prepared to make the introduction that GENE would probably have made. (LUMER was delegated to present the draft resolution which was originally presented by GENE DENNIS). I would like to present the resolution with the following remarks. What you have before you is the draft of the resolution prepared by a draft committee which was headed by GENE DENNIS. The draft, as you see, was handed to the NEC and was prepared this way because there was insufficient time for it to be edited. It is not presented as an omnibus resolution like the last convention, but rather it is a resolution to present the main political lines of the Party. The NEC adopted the following motion which we wish to present to the NC. The NEC approves and submits to the NC for discussion and consideration.

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It endorses the policy of organizing in united working class action and it agrees with the approach outlined and emphasis placed on the sections relating to the working class and the resolution to build and strengthen our Party. At the same time the NEC believes that the draft resolution needs to be considerably improved in form and style. In addition, the NEC proposes that the national significance and the vital role of the powerful negro labor movement should have been placed more sharply in the resolution. It believes that there is a necessity of developing further, certain aspects in the struggle for peace. The NEC is also of the opinion that there is a necessity to indicate more concretely in the resolution the negative and positive of the Party's work in the past period.

First a word or two on some aspects of the motion. In particular, the sentiment was expressed in the NEC meeting that the resolution needs considerable rewriting, that as it now stands, it is in heavy, uninspired language and does not have the kind of ringing appeal it should have. It is proposed, therefore, that such a job of clarity should be done. Now on the question of peace, I want to add to what was in the motion, that the NEC also adopted a proposed amendment by Comrade BURT NELSON. I don't have it here, but it stated that the resolution presents in a much more positive form the potentialities that exist for the future and to place the struggle for peace in relation to these political potentialities. The NEC agreed in general, that criticism and self criticism of the Party's work should be dealt with at some length in a separate resolution which is being prepared on Party organization. So, with these few words Comrades, we present the resolution with the proposals and amendments and changes in it. We propose that a sub-committee be set up for the drafting of the resolution, preparation of it for publication and it be regarded as a draft resolution for pre-convention discussion.

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Following LUMER's presentation of the draft Resolution there was considerable discussion and objections were made to the effect that the DENNIS Resolution dated July 6, 1959, had not been mailed to NC members. One of those in attendance described this as an example of Bureaucracy in the Party.

HY LUMER then read a letter from WILLIAM Z. FOSTER regarding the draft Resolution.

FOSTER, in his letter, indicated that he felt that it was an improvement over the 16th Convention but that the war danger should be more clearly defined and the responsibility of the war danger should be pinned on the EISENHOWER administration by name. In his letter, FOSTER said that DENNIS handled the war danger as if it were merely a spontaneous evil instead of a prepared plan of the monopolists.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

Comrades, I participated in the NEC on Wednesday and Thursday. The NC can make up its own mind on how important this Resolution is. However, this Resolution could be improved and strengthened. Speaking of the question involving the "main line", I can say that I was influenced by the "Negro Resolution." However, I do believe that the main objective of the Resolution is correct and I believe the "main line" is correct when it insists that the Party can no longer have self-determination. While the Negro question does point in the right direction, it does nothing to "move" the Party. This Resolution has very many undeveloped areas. However, I also feel that all the fault lies in not having a generally correct direction in the Resolution.

We must have a Resolution that "moves." The Resolution of the Party talks of the Party line and I generally agree with this line. We must remember that we have a definite relationship between our Party and Soviet Russia. We must show decay and decadence with

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this society. We people are suffering in this present society. This Resolution is not as down-to-earth as it should be. For example, several articles have appeared in the "Amsterdam News" showing where little children have been bitten by rats. Now this is a fabulous occurrence in this wealthy country. It is amazing that American people know less than Soviet people. We must, therefore, attempt to find answers to these problems. These questions must be answered. We must find ways to present them. Peace is the most important objective.

Remarks of STEVE NELSON

This Resolution does not offer a way out of our problems. It appears that this Resolution could have been written before the last Convention. The first section fails to face questions we should deal with on the matter of arms and the atomic race. We should deal with what is going to aid the world. Also, this Resolution does not discuss the proper evaluation of this movement.

I think that we should also consider a discussion of the labor movement. In the section of the Resolution pertaining to the anti-monopoly coalition, I want to know exactly what this means. The term "anti-monopoly coalition" should be fully explained. We must get concrete answers on this question or we will be isolated. Marxism cannot be transplanted as someone trying today. The last section of the Resolution regarding the Convention and the errors of the last Convention should be discussed. It must be remembered that these things have not been solved because certain people who attended the last Convention are no longer in the Party. Labor, farmers and Negroes are faced with a new experience. Capitalism is willing to go to all lengths to exploit the people of this and other countries. They are militarizing the country and they are reaching out over the world. They will even go to war to insure record profits.

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Labor, in 1959, is fighting for its very life. Labor, Negroes and farmers must merge for future peace and insurance of domestic needs. We must build on the strength of the 16th Convention and not dwell entirely upon the weaknesses of it. We must remember that criticism that does not build and strengthen is not constructive.

Remarks of TOM DENNIS

I have not read the Resolution; however, we must soberly look at things. The Party goes from one extreme to the other. One thing I do think is that the Party should study dialectics. We should pay more attention to dialectics in our opinions and discussions. Questions of superficiality and of self-criticism should be dealt with especially if we are to have a mass movement. We must look into our methods of thinking and reasoning.

I have been in the Party quite a few years and believe I know from past experience that some of us need a line of thinking which others can use if we are to have a future rebuilding of our Party. So many of us need training in the dialectic reasoning. Many of our Party members must be able to meet and solve problems in a Marxist-Leninist manner.

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

We must remember that we are a Party based on Marxist-Leninist theory and are concerned with our relationship with other Communist Parties. I feel that from this Convention a much better resolution will be evolved just as from the last Convention better Resolutions evolved. Many important motions were made at the NEC from both BURT NELSON and comrade DAVE.

Our Party has weathered many hardships. We must remember that our Party has suffered tremendous losses. Our membership is the lowest it has been in history. We

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must concentrate on basic questions. Our Party is a Party of action and struggle no matter how small and none of us are doing nothing. We must be prepared for socialism. There is a lot of lack of faith in the Party and the Party must reunite itself.

Remarks of PETTIS PERRY

PERRY said that he would confine his talk to section three of the Resolution, that being the section starting on page six. He said that he thought it was necessary that this section deal with the scope of the anti-MC CARTHY movement and its effect on the whole fight for civil liberties. PERRY continued that he felt the Resolution should contain a far more rounded treatment in the defense of the Party. He pointed out that there are two comrades still in prison and "another political comrade-Claude Lightfoot" facing five years with all the consequences that this would mean to "our Party."

PERRY mentioned that no one could tell what the outcome would be with reference to the Mc Carran Act or the Communist Control Act. He felt that this was not pointed out sharply and that it should be made clear that the defense of the Party is imperative. Without specifying a particular section but apparently referring to section two, PERRY commented that he thought the section "is far inadequate" and will only disarm the Party and place it into a state of complacency insofar as its defense is concerned generally.

PERRY said "I think in the past we tended too much to sought of minimize these attacks on our Party and the Party looked upon it as being incidental to the struggle on the part of the reactionaries against civil liberties." He asked that this section be entirely rewritten and strengthened with a call to battle of "our membership", and progressive forces and for the defense of civil liberties including the defense of "our Party."

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Remarks of GEORGE MEYERS

Comrades, I am going to be different on this thing. I read this report and to tell you the truth, comrades, I was exhilarated, but not particularly by all the phrases throughout the report. The approach to the working class that is in there in and out of the entire document is what exhilarated me because I was convinced on the basis of that that we were going to be able to go further again with the Party and that is in there, comrades, in there, all the way through it. It has not always been thus in the Party. I am certain that here we assert ourselves as a vanguard to play a vanguard role as the leaders of the working class in this country. That is a big assertion, and I think on the basis of that, you know, on the point JACK made, "the correct line will correct a lot of things."

I think we have made great strides in overcoming our isolation. Whenever our leaflets go into the mills among the workers they say "this is pretty good stuff."

We are on the right path. We have a long way to go but we do not have to be a long time getting there.

Remarks of CARL WINTER

This Resolution pretty well reflects where we are today. It shows how far we have been able to get and what some of our problems remain to be if we are to advance our Party organization. Now it is true it was difficult to get this discussion started. Many comrades felt uninspired and without the necessary enthusiastic stimulus being provided by the Resolution. What I think what is more important than that that when the comrades did speak and there has developed a request to speak there has been presented no "counterline" to this Resolution.

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Now I would add as I have in writing when I had the opportunity to see the draft in advance, a number of suggestions that are very important to the Resolution. I am sure other comrades will avail themselves of the opportunity before the final draft is prepared by the subcommittee assigned to that job to write additional proposals for changes.

If we had some basic diversion on the question of the fundamental line of our Party it would certainly have come up by now in this discussion. All seem to be in pretty close agreement on the general objectives represented by this draft and the only suggestions have been for an improvement or strengthening of some sections. Although the opportunity has been here for the past few hours, there has been no presentation of a contrary line to the line which this draft represents. I think that is extremely important for us because we are going to be representatives in the eyes of the membership for any draft that is presented for pre-Convention discussion.

Perhaps in the ranks of the membership, there may be a flood of criticism and more aggravated expressions of the inadequacies of the draft. I think we should be prepared to stand before the Party members as a united NC and say "Comrades, we want all this criticism, we want all these suggestions, we want an improved Resolution before the Convention ..."

We believe you have a sound general political direction as indicated here and we want to help to convince the Party membership of all the improvements and strengthening that can be made and should be made with the view of making this general line still more effective. Now one other thing I would like to say about this draft with all its weaknesses and inadequacies, let us remember that it is a mirror not only of our own internal Party situation as it is but also a mirror of how far we have gone or how short a distance we have gone since the 16th Convention in strengthening our Party in the labor movement, in democratic political forces and other mass movements.

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This is a mirror for us. Now, of course, if we do not want a mirror, if we just want a proclamation of noble intentions, we could write that too. We could get many members of the NC to lock themselves up for the rest of the hours in a room and produce a ringing glorious song. We need something to create a feeling in the ranks of the Party that we have moved forward since the 16th Convention unifying ourselves and understanding where we are at and understanding where we are trying to get.

If we approach the draft Resolution on the point of view that it shows the situation in the Party today, then I think we will not be making idle demands but will feel that we have a firmer foundation from which to make further progress in the coming Convention. We will appreciate the fact that actually this is to be a working instrument for the Convention. This is a working instrument to come out of the 17th Convention in better shape than we came out of the 16th.

I would urge very strongly that we seek the way to present a draft Resolution that no one says is perfect but which is the best we can produce in the present stage in the advance of our Party.

Remarks of MICKEY LIMA

The Resolution paragraph on page 17 on the section dealing with internal Party problems remain largely unsolved, therefore, the chief task before the Party is still to overcome its isolation in the labor movement. I think this placing of this as the major task facing the Party is correct and I think it is important to place same in the Resolution and it's true to say that this was also placed as the chief task before the 16th Convention.

The Resolution does not aptly analyse the developments in our country. As CARL has stated, the reason this Resolution does not do that is because our Party today is not in the position to do this adequately and this is the reality of the situation.

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During BEN's discussion I was reminded of a previous NC meeting we had where we had a report by the New York comrades on the result of the New York election. I was asked questions when I returned home after attending the meeting and hearing the report. I was asked about the New York elections and I could not answer the questions. I could not because the report of New York elections to this body also did not answer the questions and I can only assume that the reason for this was because the New York District was not in a position to give an analysis of what happened in that election that would have made any sense in terms of being able to explain why you had certain mass developments in some sections of the country and what seemed to be a contradictory development here in New York. I was reminded of this, because I think the problems posed by this Resolution and opposed by some of the discussion here placed on the districts very important responsibilities in terms of helping to shape up the final Resolution. I think we have to be real realistic about where we stand in the Party today. We have to understand how we are going to begin to tackle this question in a serious way in the pre-Convention discussion and if we do that we can make a very important contribution to help move our Party forward and help strengthen the unity of the Party. I think we are beginning to have experiences here and there that are going to make it possible to make that kind of a contribution.

Take some of the recent developments in the whole field of the fight for civil rights as it is being developed in certain parts of the country. There are renewed attacks being made against the Party, against the labor movement and against the bill of rights of our country. Reactions are developing in various parts of the country against us. This whole countermovement is on an entirely new level and it is of new components that were never present in the fight for civil rights in this country. It ties in the crisis in education and the developing peace movement. In other words, these issues are beginning to emerge in new ways. New connections are developing and I know in some parts

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of this country - the comrades in Southern California, for example, and from what I heard from Illinois, Ohio and other districts, it is having some very rich experiences in terms of what is developing here. This is true in some of the developments in the labor movement. I know the developments are not uniform, they are scattered and they are not unified in the sense that all of our Party is having equal experience. If our Party can begin to utilize and draw up the experiences that are beginning to develop, we can begin to put some flesh on the framework of our coalition policy and of the anti-monopoly coalition and begin to spell out in fundamental detail the role of our Party as it relates to the mass developments that are shaping up in our country today.

I just want to say in conclusion a word of caution that we do not simply treat ourselves in a way that is going to be a negative approach. We must face up to the realities as to where our Party actually stands today.

Remarks of WILLIAM PATTERSON

Comrades, as the other comrades have said, in my opinion, the Resolution contains both in its positive and negative aspects, a line which is possible to rally an anti-monopoly front and to gain the support of the Negro forces which we have lost. I think our Resolution begins extremely negatively. I think there was something of this in the remark HY LUMER made when he spoke about the negative approach. To tell the American people that they face profound threats to their livelihoods, civil liberties and above all, their right to live, is correct, but since the 16th Convention of our Party, there have been fundamental changes. There have been changes in the East which, while they do not remove the danger of war, offer tremendous possibilities for the realization of fundamental peace.

I think our Resolution has to begin with the American people having to face the possibility of securing a lasting peace and of realizing for the first time in the history of our country, full equality for the Negro people.

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In the section dealing with the political and economic situation of our country, mention is made of the main features of the situation in the United States as being the instability of the economy, the burden imposed by the cold war, the intensive drive of big business for super profit, the more militant mood and the rising struggle of the people and the newest offensive of reaction. I think we put the negative first, rather than the positive and I do not think you will rally the masses to struggle to go forward and place before them in the initial stages the negative aspects. The main features of the present situation in the United States on the part of labor at the present time and the Negro people is a tremendous struggle.

The legislative and executive branches of the government are moving away from constitutional form of government wherever possible under the guise of local action to destroy the whole value of constitutional government of the United States. I think that this has to be placed in a Resolution of this kind.

Remarks of ARNOLD JOHNSON

Supporting the Resolution as I do, does not mean that I believe everything that is in it. I think the Resolution is a tremendous success although some things do not stand out as I think they should. I think that it is the agreement in the NEC that there be a preamble in the beginning of the Resolution, that somehow pulls the thing together. It seems to me that the Resolution needs to serve to strengthen the troubles that are now taking place during the period of the discussion of this Resolution, the struggles of the working class and the mass movements of the people. It has to serve that immediate purpose. It is not just the Resolution or the discussion around it which serves the purpose of saying at the Convention you must perfect something.

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That may be the process, but it must somehow help affect the lives of the country now. That is a hard thing to do but I think it has the elements in it to do that. It also has to help to strengthen our Party relationship to those problems. Beyond that, the Resolution itself should help to solve our problems in the right places. It should serve also to strengthen our Party.

It seems to me that the approach to the discussion, therefore, of the Resolution and how to improve it should be directed somewhere along that line. In this sense, I welcome comrade FOSTER's letter. I think that not only in calling for certain sharpening for certain intangibles, it has certain points. You know that some of us can start to sharpen in such a way that you can take a blunt steel instrument and make a sharp steel spike and may be able to nail something down with it, or you can sharpen it even more and make a knife and use it for serious cutting or you can sharpen it some more and make a needle or you can sharpen it some more and make it disappear. (laughter). So in the process of sharpening you destroy some very sound advice on sharpening so I think that this is the sense of the letter from comrade FOSTER. Partly, I think to that discussion in the Resolution, we do not always have to make a case and establish a bond. We are not like lawyers in a court room who are trying to pass something by massing the evidence on their side to the elimination of necessary items which only really prove their point.

We are being called upon as Communists it seems to me in our communities and mass organizations and unions to contribute something new in the struggle for peace. The theme then "what is the role of the working class and what is the role of our Party." Now we do not have to draft a Resolution but a Resolution opens up the possibility of doing our duty.

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We need a great deal of original thinking. The same applies to the struggle that we have in front of us right now, that is, how to defeat this anti-labor legislation in Congress. The key bill that has to be defeated, considering all other bills and all other things on the immediate agenda in the United States Congress, is the anti-labor bill.

Remarks of LOUIS WEINSTOCK

WEINSTOCK commented that the Resolution was so long that after awhile he forgot what he was reading. He said that he fully appreciated the fact that the Resolution is being discussed as a beginning and that this is not the final document.

According to WEINSTOCK, in looking over the Resolution, he did not get the feeling that the comrades are beginning to get something and that reading such a Resolution at a meeting would probably provoke considerable discussion. WEINSTOCK was particularly critical of the economic section of the Resolution, noting that there are millions of people earning less than \$2,000.00 a year, millions of people living in slums, hundreds of thousands of people living in houses infested with rats, and that these things must be said if you want to build a Party in the future. He commented that he felt that the economic section of the Resolution should be such that "we can take something out of this Resolution and take it to the shop and say to the worker that the Party is prepared for the Convention...." WEINSTOCK felt that the language of the Resolution could be simplified in order to make it more attractive to the membership. He pointed out that this Resolution would not only be discussed with people in the Party, but also with people who dropped out of the Party and "whom we want to bring back into the Party."

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON was selected as Chairman of the Second Day's Session and he identified five speakers on the draft political Resolution.

CONSTANTINE RADZIE was the first speaker. RADZIE made no specific comment on the draft Resolution, but expressed the hope that the 17th Convention would bring about the return of democratic centralism.

Remarks of EMANUEL BLUM

Comrades, I agree with those many comrades who criticized the style of writing of this Resolution. It has many difficult words, not just French words. The average worker will have trouble. We want people to hear what we have to say. We need a message and not a document. Naturally, nobody has presented a counter Resolution because this document does tell us what the real situation in the world is today, what the plans of the bosses of the monopolists are, what the role of the government is and what the working class and its allies do to keep back the plans of the big banks and corporations. It tells us that these forces are still plotting war, and still resisting the cause of peaceful co-existence. It tells us that American capitalism is still headed for crisis and greater and greater exploitation of production of the common people.

It also gives the prospective of the workers and their allies - a prospective of class and peoples' struggle in the forging of a democratic plan to resist all this, including a prospectus for the 1960 elections in line with all of this and as someone said, the program of the Party is to develop further prospective of a confident

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anti-monopoly program and charts further the next stage in the transition to socialism. I cannot agree as one comrade put it here that our main task is to popularize a program for a "co-existent world." That, it seems to me, would take up a position of converting our Party into a sort of educational society whose main prospective would be the propagation of such a program of a co-existent world. Well, we have a prospective of a class struggle, of peoples struggle for peaceful co-existence. Now this general line as I say is a correct one. There is nothing wrong with it in this general sense, but a lot depends on the details of the main line. A railroad can go in the correct direction but if some of the rails are missing or if some of the tracks are twisted, there may be some unfortunate difficulties on the road. I think that this is what we are trying to word in this discussion.

I think that the criticism by comrade FOSTER and by comrade STEVE NELSON are correct and the main line needs a correction.

I would like to say in conclusion to use a figure of speech, that which one comrade used, that the mirror is like the vanguard and the mirror is large enough, it needs considerable readjustment, and needs much wiping and polishing to make matters look correct. Our Communist mirror, of course, is pretty dim. Our Communist mirror has to reflect double what the situation is and also what it is going to be. I think our discussion, if incorporated in the Resolution, will do a great deal of help.

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Remarks of GUS HALL

The problem of rebuilding the Party is the process of remolding and re-evaluating the Party. This Resolution, in a general way, reflects this process of remolding, and reflects the stage we are in during the process of the present day conflict. I think this draft Resolution reflects the general tone and thinking of the Party leadership during the present time. I also think that we should note the fact that we can have that type of discussion which we have had here yesterday and today reflecting that we have made big steps from past periods in our Party. I think we should note and hail it as a real achievement for the Party that we have moved into this discussion. I think, however, that the Resolution can be improved and what resolution can't be. That's true of every resolution. I think it needs improvement in style and form. Generally, I want to say that my criticism of this Resolution would go on one central fact and that is the weakness flows from the method of work and the method of writing this Resolution.

I think that a resolution such as this should follow a very deep and basic discussion of a number of very fundamental questions, first by the National Executive Committee for the top leaders of the Party. The resolution should be written after such a basic discussion. Then I think it would have depth on a number of very fundamental questions, certainly more depth than it has now. I don't think this is a criticism of individuals' efforts, but of the method that is used. I think that weakness of the method is also evident at this meeting of the National Committee. I think we must honestly and self-critically state that we are not getting the best out of this meeting. I think a meeting like this should have been prepared differently. We have foreseen it so that the comrades would have had a chance to think about these problems, read the Resolution, study it, absorb it, and then we could have drawn the best out of a collective

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body of this size. I think we are having a good discussion, but it has the character of superficiality about it which will not profit anybody. I think frankly we must not repeat the way we are discussing this Resolution at this National Committee meeting.

Well now as to the Resolution, I think the weakness of the Resolution is that it does not breathe life. I think it has too much of the character of a 1959 fall catalog of events and problems. It lists all these problems and catalogs there, but that isn't quite enough. Let me give some examples of what type of problem we could go into deeper if we had a better approach to it. Let's take the general question of "our America in the present day world." I think we must ask ourselves "is there something new our Party must reflect in the sense of America's position in the world scene". Well I think there is.

HALL concluded his speech by suggesting that the Resolution be rewritten after further discussion.

Remarks of MORTIMER SCHEER

SCHEER said that he believed that the style and form of the Resolution is not quite adequate and he agreed with those comrades who had spoken critically of it. He said that he felt that the Resolution was intended not only for the leadership of the Party, but for workers after the convention, and that the style should therefore be different. SCHEER also noted that the Resolution does not include methods for organizing foreign born workers. He felt that "The Worker" should be used to influence such people.

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Remarks of JESUS COLON

I read the Resolution through and I liked it. I am going to vote for it. This Resolution requires study together with our fine members in the County, sections and clubs. I believe and I say correctly, that this draft Resolution should have been given to the full membership of the (maximum?) Committee. I will go further and say that this draft Resolution should have been given not only to all the members of the Committee to be signed, but to at least 15 to 20 people who are expert in the matter of form and style.

Continuing his discussion, COLON said that the Socialist Party of Cuba is 100% with CASTRO and the revolution. He claimed that the Cuban Party is the party that is growing at a higher rate than any other party in the Americas. He said that they are spreading socialism to the people. In conclusion, COLON suggested that the Resolution be strengthened and deepened so that in the 17th Convention, the Party will do something on the question of a good program that will appeal to the people of the United States.

Remarks of HY LUMER

In acting on this Resolution, I think we need to bear in mind that what we are preparing here is a draft of a Resolution for discussion and not a final Resolution, for adoption. This is being submitted for free discussion. In my opinion, the draft, with suitable amendments editing, and necessary improvements in form and style, will meet this purpose. It will give us an adequate basis on which to develop the discussion. Of course, this does not say that the Resolution does not have its weaknesses. I think we should accept some criticism as to the handling and preparation. An effort should

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have been made to get a draft out somewhat earlier to give some chance for an early study of it. I think there is some merit in the criticism GUS made in the method of preparation. At the same time, we should recognize that the discussion which took place on the Resolution can be developed in such a way as to make up for some of the shortcomings, help for a deeper understanding of the questions involved, and help in the preparation of the first draft Resolution.

Although there have been differences expressed concerning this Resolution, the fact is that no contrary line has been proposed, and it seems to me that this indicates that this group provided us with a Resolution that can generally be agreed upon basically. I believe that our Party is going through a process of ideological strengthening, the discussion here shows this process. The convention should mark an important step in that direction, and I think the Resolution and discussion on it can contribute to that process.

The Resolution, it is true, needs considerable improvement in regard to its popular appeal. I think in making the various essential changes in the Resolution, we should keep in mind that this is a Resolution and not a mass agitational pamphlet or leaflet. I think we must also bear in mind when we make these changes, that this is a Resolution, and not a report. We cannot incorporate in a resolution all the details and analysis that would go into a report. With these things in mind, I think we have the basis for doing what is necessary and using the Resolution as a basis for what is later to be published.

I should like therefore to conclude by presenting again the motion for action. The motion

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which I read yesterday. If you want me to read it again, all right. (LUMER apparently now reading) The NEC approves the main line of the Draft Political Resolution for the 17th National Convention and submits it for discussion and consideration. It concurs in the general estimate of the international situation, and the political situation within the country. It endorses the policy and tactics projected for organizing the united working class action, and a broad documentation for peace, civil rights, and economic security, and to check and defeat the offensive of the reaction generally, and in the 1960 elections particularly. We agreed to the approach outline and the emphasis placed on stimulating and influencing decisive sections of the working class to come forward as an independent class force for the need of building and strengthening our Party, and enhancing its indispensable contributions. At the same time the NEC believes that the draft Resolution needs to be considerably improved in form and style. In addition, the NEC proposes that the national significance and vital role of the powerful Negro labor movement should be placed more sharply in the Resolution. We believe it necessary to develop further, certain aspects of the struggle for peace. The NEC is also of the opinion that either in the draft Resolution on party organization, or Section 5 or 6 of the Resolution, it is necessary to indicate more concretely, both the negative and the positive aspects of the Party's work. We present this motion to the National Committee for its action, and I would like to present as a second motion, that the NEC be authorized to set up a committee to edit and make necessary changes in the Resolution based on the discussion in the NEC, and the discussion which has taken place here.

Discussion of LUMER's Motion

Following LUMER's presentation of the aforementioned motion, there was considerable heated discussion

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during which some of those present indicated that the manner in which the motion was made left them uncertain as to exactly what they were voting for. An individual believed by the informant to be TOM DENNIS, said that he thought they were getting into a hassle about something that wasn't necessary. He pointed out that most of those present had only received the Resolution for the first time on the preceding day and hadn't had a chance to really study it. He noted, however, that it was only being adopted as a draft for discussion, and "we should have at least confidence and modesty in the membership and in ourselves and confidence in the membership to realize that there will be a number of important changes and improvements....." DENNIS urged that a vote be made in favor of the motions made by LUMER.

JACK STACHEL proposed that all mail submitted, as well as the letter from WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, be considered. This was approved, however, the vote was not known to the informant.

EMANUEL BLUM proposed that the NC endorse the FOSTER letter and include the same in the main line of the Resolution. The vote was six in favor, 25 against and four abstentions.

Following a vote on BLUM's proposal, a vote was taken on the motions previously made by HY LUMER. The motions were approved, however, the informant was unable to ascertain the vote. LUMER indicated that a new draft could be expected, probably to appear in the September issue of "Political Affairs", but that mimeographed mail would be prepared earlier.

Remarks of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

I am not introducing the Resolution on the Negro question that was presented from the discussion

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which was held at the NEC, based on this Resolution. We were handicapped at the NEC in the discussion on this Resolution due to the absence of Comrade JIM JACKSON, who was not able to be present so the NEC found it very difficult to handle this matter in the absence of the comrade. The NEC did discuss the matter and made very substantial recommendations for changes in the present draft. I would like to point out that we have to make a number of determinations in respect to the results. The results should clarify the position of the Party in the ranks of the Party, in regard to policy and position on major political questions. Everything we produce should be such that we can give to the masses in order to make them see more clearly the role of our Party in respect to the struggles which are unfolding at the present. So our Resolution combines both aspects of this question. The Resolution on the Negro question which will be presented before this convention, already comes to us against the backdrop of a discussion which was held at the NEC on theoretical aspects of the Negro question. Thought was to combine both the theoretical and the practical task at the present moment in which struggles are being waged in the country for Negro rights. The NEC, in discussing this, brought forth the following points:

1. That the Resolution should contain an analysis of the Negro Liberation Movement today, as well as the current struggle. In reading the Resolution, you will undoubtedly find that there are elements of that in it, but it was the feeling of the NEC in the discussion that this was inadequately dealt with. It needs to be deepened, strengthened and sharpened.

2. The section on self-determination is too brief and needs further elaboration.

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3. The Resolution should deal more fully with the relationship of the Negro Movement with the struggle of the working class and let develop further the concept of the Negro Labor Alliance with certain new features emerging in this alliance between the Negro people and the labor movement. In this connection, it was also pointed out that our Party in this Resolution of the Negro question, should not only just speak to the Negro Liberation Movement, but should also speak to the labor movement in terms of its responsibilities, and further enhancing the Negro Labor Alliance.

4. The section on the Communist Party should be strengthened by an action of the contributions of the Party, for Negro freedom. It is felt that we should bring forward very clearly the role our Party is playing in the current struggle for Negro liberation.

The Resolution needs to deal more fully with the land question. The status of the dixiecrat is not placed sharply enough in the struggle today while absentee ownership on the part of Wall Street and the big corporations and the land plantations of the South, is emphasized, the role of the dixiecrat is slightly minimized and doesn't stand out in forceful terms. I also think that there should be a full discussion on the relationship of the Negro Freedom Movement to the new political realignments which are developing in this country. At the present time there is dissatisfaction with both the Democratic and Republican Parties as evidenced by a whole series of developments in a recent period, but there is no clear approach to the question of building a new political realignment in the country. It is this context that we proposed to place the question that there can be no substantial changes in the present status of Negroes without a basic political realignment. It is not

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"achievable" in the Democratic Party as it is constituted and certainly not in the Republican Party. That brings up the question of introducing this concept without necessarily calling for a new party today or tomorrow, but every step taken along certain lines will be leading toward that objective.

It was felt that the Resolution should deal more explicitly with the issue of the South and the significance for the entire action of establishing full democracy in the South. Another thing, we should give an answer to the question: Can the Negro people achieve full freedom under capitalism?

Comrades, most of these questions are dealt with in the present Resolution. Many felt that they were dealt with inadequately and some new questions were added which were not originally in the Resolution. Nonetheless it is my proposal, and I speak for myself because I think I speak the sentiment of the NEC, that we should not hold up the work of the National Committee and the preparations for the convention pending the report of Comrade JIM for what inadequacies there might be as a consequence of his absence today at this meeting. I want, therefore, to propose that this Resolution be adopted in a general term and be presented to the Party as a basis of discussion, together with the amendments along the lines that I have indicated here.

Remarks of AL RICHMOND

I want to make one brief point. I think the overall Resolution is very good, but the point I do want to develop because it hasn't been developed beyond this Resolution, reflects something we do too often in changing a course where we saw for the purpose

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of reference almost brings out the character. On the first page of the Resolution, there is this sentence, "The chief oppression of the Negro people and the sole beneficiary of their oppression, is the class of monopolists....capitalist commands the economic and political life of our structure". I understand what the comrade was trying to do - it is not the sole beneficiary. The plantation system has diminished in importance though there are a good many planters down South who I suspect are the beneficiaries of JIM CROW. As a matter of fact, a good many capitalists who benefit from the system and that's what helps perpetuate it. I think it is correct to put the working class first - God knows the sharecroppers are just as exploited, but more importantly is the class of the Negro working class at this time.

What the Resolution is trying to do, I wholeheartedly agree with, but I think these things should be correct.

Remarks of HOMER BATES CHASE

Comrades, I think that in regard to sharpening up the question of the main enemy of the Negro people, the question of the international exploitation of the Negro Liberation Movement, this document is a substantially improved over the last one. I'd like to mention a couple of experiences we have had in the New England district in attempting to discuss the last Resolution we passed on the Negro question. Very frankly comrades, it was greeted with very little enthusiasm in ranks of our Party which has been decimated as a result of the 16th Convention. Our Negro membership is almost decimated, and we find the comrades do not accept all ^{the} mysterious doubts on the question of the Negro Liberation Movement. They are all around them a strong national trend in the fight for Negro rights. In developing nationalism in the Negro Boston colored town,

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they felt that this contradicts the draft Resolution. I think we should concede the question of our past evaluations. I think that when I was working in Georgia, that the Negro people were not a nation essentially. I did not feel then and I particularly do not feel now, the question of nationhood could be dismissed as lightly as it seems to be in your (Resolution?). What happened in the expansion of reconstruction was that the Negro peoples domain was also smashed. But with every rise in the Negro Liberation Movement, there are tendencies in the direction of a vaulting Negro nation. This should lead us to consider that the question of self-determination to the Negro people is a dead issue. For example, most of the Negro people have their homes in the South. Are we going to say that in future time, with the CP having a great deal more influence in the running of this country, that we won't establish legislation which will enable them to return to govern their homeland. I don't think we want to go that far. I don't think we want to dismiss this question so lightly.

Our Party has a big role to play and only a strong CP with a substantial Negro membership can play a leading role in this country.

Remarks of WILLIAM PATTERSON

It seems to me that one great value of the Resolution is that it answers the question that Comrade CHASE raises. There is a growing nationalism in the Negro Liberation Movement, but as the Resolution shows, it is an Americanism as well. It is the nationalism of an American who is in an oppressed, depressed, and exploited position. LIGHTFOOT in his opening remarks, brought forth the question of the right of self-determination. There is no contradiction in this nationalism of the Negro people, and adherence toward inclusion by phases of American life which is the essence of the Negro struggle at this

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moment. I think the remarks by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT can be further strengthened as we deal with this Resolution, but I think there are a couple of other points which must be stressed still further or going a little further which must be introduced into the Resolution.

Comrade CLAUDE rightfully said that our Party did not cease to continue to the development of the struggle of the Negro people in American life after the 1940's. This was true even when terror was raging against our Party. He mentioned points of contribution, and he holds that these contributions strengthen the international support.

There are two planes of struggle which appear at this time, a particular full struggle on the lower level in particular when its the South where you get no satisfaction. That struggle must be raised to a national plane. It must be raised from the standpoint of deprivation of constitutional rights for the incident in the locality constitutes a major acceptance, a violation of the constitutional rights of the Negro, and this has to be brought forth because the Federal Government has acquiesced to this from the very beginning. We have a new situation, comrades, in which the American Negro struggle can still further strengthen the liberation struggle of the colonial people of the Negro, and advance the infectious struggle of all peoples seeking freedom to a greater degree and a greater depth. That comrades is the approach to this question. The third plane is the United Nations because their position and their attitude toward the Negro people as a whole, and the individual victim of oppression is in violation of the charter of the United Nations. When it is brought in this way, comrades, it strengthens the

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position of Africans in the United Nations, and of other forces in the United Nations which are participating in the fight for peace and colonial liberation. The United Nations is dominated by American imperialism. As a matter of fact, to raise the question this way now, would strengthen all the Latin American struggle where there has been American imperialism heretofore. America has had a bloc on some 33 nations in the United Nations which voted as one. Now when we raise this question of the violation of its universal charter, a charter of the United Nations, and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we place before those who are in the Cuban revolutionary struggle, and a number of other Latin - American countries, a weapon with which they themselves can struggle and help split this bloc and threat upon civilization.

Now I come comrades to what to me has been for a long time, one of the most important features of the struggle for Negro rights in the Party. We argue and sometimes vulgarize - we cry that the Negro question is the Achilles Heel of American imperialism, but we don't ask them what is Achilles heel. The achilles heel is the vulnerable spot and if this is a vulnerable spot where we can break or make a very big impact on American imperialism, then it is my opinion that we have got to bring it forward in a resolution in such a way that not only the Negro masses see and understand it, but those who also are losing by virtue of a continuation of racism in America.

I think comrades that you would have to start this Resolution differently just as criticism of the other Resolution went. The tremendous potential of this Resolution for the realization of not only a .

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higher level of democracy in our country, but for beginning to end the attack upon constitutional government, the continuation of which is part of the peoples tradition, that we have got to show that this fight is the attack on constitutional forms of government.

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Remarks of MORTIMER SCHEER

I had a few questions - First on the question of Dixiecrats in our strategy on the whole concept of the Democratic Party. My feeling is that the main Flyer has to be directed at the Dixiecrats as regards to their strangle hold over the Negro people's movement and the role that they play in Congress. . The most vulnerable part of the Democratic Party is the Dixiecrat and I think it is possible, in the area that I come from, Buffalo, to build up the movement in the community and through the progressive and democratic forces in the Democratic Party to go to the Democratic Convention of 1960 and build up a movement to oust the Dixiecrats. It would put on the spot a guy in an area like (PETER) CROTTY who runs the Democratic Party - put him on the spot whether he likes it or not. He will be forced, if sufficient movement is built, to come forward to oust the Dixiecrats.

I think that should be one of our main means or aims of focus. The second thing in regard to building Negro-white unity in the labor movement is that it has to be built on the class issues that affect both Negro and white workers. It is through the class issues that we can make it clear to the white workers how they can get away with dictating the contract in discriminating against Negro workers. So on the question of class issues within the labor unit, I think there is the starting point for building Negro-white unity but in addition to that, we have to start laying the phases that were of special use such as FEPC etc. My experience in the shop with the Negro workers is that the Negro workers are among the most advanced against which red baiting is effective. Negro workers are most receptive

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to Party literature.

I think it is their aim to bring our Party position to the workers. I think also that we could help build the Party in our area. There are questions that stand in the way. One is the question of the struggle against white chauvinism. In the course of this struggle against white chauvinism in the rights of the Party, both positive and negative things developed. Years ago we made a special effort to guarantee Negro-white unity. Today we don't have that kind of a special struggle. It shows we are sliding back. Secondly, another obstacle is the question of finding force of struggle within the Negro community. We must correctly emphasize getting into the main stream - the NAACP.

Because there is a vacuum in the left leadership, the Trotskyites have stepped into the vacuum and organized an alliance in doing such things as trying to get Grant's (department store?) to hire a Negro employee. This shows there is a void of left leadership within the Negro community.

The problem can't be solved through resolutions and statements. In the final analysis, it has to be done through struggles against people rather than just going to accept thought.

Remarks of CHARLENE MITCHELL

I thought that the resolution which was adopted by the National Committee would be rewritten and that would be the basis of that resolution which we discussed today. I think that the other document had a little more fight in it than this one.

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At a Negro Commission Meeting in Los Angeles where comrade JACKSON was present the comrade said just about what is said here. Comrade JACKSON said that the Negroes are not greatly interested in your saying that the gain of the Negro is the gain of the white workers. I do not believe that white chauvinism is mentioned at all in his resolution. When I was called before the "Un-American Committee" they asked me about this white chauvinism that existed in my party and they quoted me something that had taken place at a district council meeting of ours. I had accused a couple of comrades of being chauvinistic. My answer was that "nothing could be as..... the white supremacy that exists in the South and all around us." So they said I was willing to talk about white supremacy in other places but not in the CP.

I feel that we have to put something in this document to mention that there is such a thing in the Party as white chauvinism.

Remarks of TOM DENNIS

Comrades I agree with the general outline of the resolutions. I think that the resolutions placed before us the immediate perspective of work in the field of Negro rights, however, I also feel that the resolutions suffer to a certain extent. The resolutions should cover the level of the current struggle of the Negro people in the United States dealing especially with the struggle in the field of the education, integration school movement and the right to vote.

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I don't know whether we grasp the significance in the movement of education. I think it is part of the general struggle for enlightenment and the wiping ^{out} of illiteracy not only in the United States but throughout the world.

I think the resolutions move in the right direction as far as interpolation is concerned.

Remarks of Unknown Woman

I am a lot happier about the resolutions and I wholeheartedly support every one of them. However, I must take issue with comrade CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT) in the matter of the Negro issue in the South. Every comrade should think to himself, what is my responsibility to the South? So what is to be included in the resolution. I would like to speak on the question of labor and what should be included in the resolution, the unity of Negro to white people and the evaluation of what is holding back this unity. I spoke to a worker in Henderson, North Carolina last Sunday and he indicated that a company where there is a strike in progress needed acts of violence in order that the National Guard would be maintained there. If the governor were responsible to a Negro electorate then the entire situation in Henderson would be a whole lot different.

I also want to agree with CHARLENE on the question of white chauvinism in our Party. I think at the present time the Party for one thing is recognizing the errors that we have made and I think that these are the things that have caused those people who were Communists and have dropped out.

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Remarks of PETTIS PERRY

PERRY disagreed with the resolution in its entirety stating that he thought it was inadequate. He pointed out that chauvinism exists in labor today and it is the task of the CP to fight for the organization of a Negro labor alliance.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

The resolution is obviously insufficient and inadequate in view of the discussion by the comrades and in view of the discussion which we had in the NEC not only once but twice. Now in the proposal put forth by CLAUDE and the many discussions and contributions which have been made by the comrades in the discussions, there seems to be an adequate basis on which to draft this resolution in accordance with the general direction. Secondly, this resolution in my opinion reflects again the lack of adequate Thirdly, I must say that judging from the fact the National Committee did put out a resolution - the original one which was put out and decided upon by the National Committee the previous meeting - we should have at this committee meeting some sort of an idea of what was the thinking about the resolution. In that way, we would listen a little more closely to our comrades, many of whom agree on the general direction of the resolution but had many reservations about the argument of factual material and other questions which were raised in the main resolution.

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I can remember contributions by GUS (HALL) before he went to prison and by other white comrades in the Party on the Negro question but our white comrades must place this question very sharply because this question is a test of whether or not we have a fighting Party in America. The leaders of our Party, most of whom are white, must be bold enough to get up before the Party membership and give a report on the Negro question, because there will be no other way to dramatize the shift of the center of gravity to the responsibility of the labor movement and the development of the Negro-white alliance.

The question of being a Communist today is not just a question of having a certain line to fight for a certain goal, and a certain role, and a certain perspective of Socialism but the right of a person to be a dignified human being.

Remarks of MILDRED MC ADORY

Comrades I did not mean to prolong the meeting. I was one of the comrades who abstained before on the resolution. I read this. I haven't had time to prepare a digest because I read it last night but I just want to say I feel that we need a resolution because, like LOUIS WEINSTOCK yesterday, I am thinking about what this resolution will do. I feel that we need a resolution that is going to stimulate and get a real discussion in a positive way. I think that the comrades are going to start to read and they will get to page three and many of them are going to put it down because it won't do what we need to stimulate the fight and the struggle to bring back many of our members.

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The Federal Government is part of the society whose role it is to oppress the Negro people from the highest official, which is EISENHOWER, all the way down to the smallest little official in the smallest little town in the deep south. That is their role and aim and that is what they do. I think we have to say this so people can understand it. I think that their job and role is to keep the Negro masses in line because all these people profit by the oppression of the Negro people and there is no such thing as reality being the sole beneficiary of the oppression of the Negro people.

Although the Negroes have made some gains they have been small when compared with the gains of other people. Facts of this type should be included in the resolution.

Remarks of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

I think that the resolution coupled with the discussion of the NEC and the many fine contributions made by the comrades in this discussion as well as the discussion which we are going to have in the Party generally will give us a very fine resolution. I do not want to take the time here to respond to the many questions which were presented here in the discussion. I want to put a certain emphasis on an aspect of this pre-convention discussion both in regard to the main political resolution as well as this resolution. If our pre-occupation is going to be merely the question of producing a letter-perfect resolution, then it is my judgement that following the 17th Convention, we will not be too much better equipped than we are now. As one theologian to another, however, the good book says "What does it profit a man to gain the world and lose his soul," what will

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it profit our Party to write a letter-perfect document and then we go home self-satisfied. Our document must be a guide to action and our action must not be something that will wait until we have handed out the so-called perfect documents. In fact, the documents will be perfected much better to the extent that we proceed right now to cull out of those documents some of the key and vital propositions and begin to unfold mass work and activity.

I think that the 17th National Convention has to have some themes that underline everything that we do or say. This must be a convention that wrestles with the problem of how to break the Party's isolation from the main stream of the masses. That is the center of all dominating propositions. This convention in my judgement must be a convention that takes into mind that which exists as of now and see how we can proceed to where we want to go.

In regard to this resolution on the Negro question, channels are being opened up for us to work with that did not exist two years ago. I want to say that in Illinois, we have made some progress in the Negro community. Progress which I modestly feel will not only be beneficial to Illinois but will be beneficial to the country as a whole once the fulfillment of what we have been planning and working on comes to see the light of day. I agree 100 per cent with what BEN said about the role of white comrades and in this connection this progress that has been made would have been impossible without the contributions, help and assistance of JIM WEST of Illinois; SAM KUSHNER and comrade (EUGENE) DENNIS from the (Center?) who has gone into the district, met with the people and helped to hammer out a prospective which I think will be improved on pretty soon.

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I want to propose that we adopt the general direction of the resolution which we have before us here and the proposed amendments that came out of the NEC discussion and the many fine amendments that have been made here in the course of the discussion and send this resolution out to the Party as a basis for discussion.

Vote on LIGHTFOOT's Proposal

ALBERTSON called for a vote on the motion made by LIGHTFOOT and it was approved with only one opposed and one abstention.

Remarks of HY LUMER

I just want to tell you that we are issuing a four page folder on the 30 hour week. We expect that the cost of the folder will be \$8.50 per 1,000. A number of men have seen the text of it. I would like if possible, to get orders from as many districts while you are here. It is at the printers. So that is the first point. Secondly, with regard to the mimeographing of the resolution, let me know how many copies you will need for your districts so we will know how many to prepare.

Remarks of WILLIAM ALBERTSON

The next point on our order of business in connection with general convention preparations is the question of Party consolidation.

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Remarks of HY LUMER

We want to propose the preparation of a resolution on this question along the following lines: 1. The status of the Party which would include not only a picture of where the Party stands but what has happened to it. 2. The Party's role in the present political situation. 3. The question of building mass ties. 4. Organizational problems of the Party. 5. Ideological problems and tasks of the Party.

This is not intended to give you the idea of what the actual content will be but rather what the resolution is intended to cover and included in this will be the question of criticism and self-criticism. It is proposed that the NEC be authorized to set up a committee for the drafting of a resolution of general character to be submitted at a later date in September as part of the material for preconvention discussion.

Vote on LUMER's Proposal

ALBERTSON called for a vote on LUMER's proposal and asked for a show of hands. Following this, he stated that the proposal had been unanimously carried.

Remarks of PHIL BART

First in connection with the date and place of the convention, I have a number of recommendations of cities where to hold the convention. We, (the convention committee), propose

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that the National Committee direct the NEC to issue a call to a convention. This convention should be held at the Theresa Hotel, New York City, on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 10, 11, 12 and 13, 1959. I would just like to say one word on the date. There has been considerable discussion and exchange of opinion as to whether to hold the convention earlier - that is around Thanksgiving. It was the feeling of a number of comrades from the West Coast and the Midwest that holding it at that time would be inadequate for the preparations. It would hardly give the necessary time in accordance with the constitution for the pre-convention discussion. It is therefore recommended that it be held December 10 through the 13th, 1959, and I make that a motion.

Remarks of WILLIAM ALBERTSON

You have heard this motion. What is your pleasure? ALBERTSON then noted that the motion had been seconded and called for a vote. There was no opposition and the motion was unanimously carried.

Remarks of PHIL BART

In accordance with the Constitution, Article 5, Section 2, the basis for representation for the convention is to be by the National Committee. Now we had a number of discussions on this question. We had recommendations from comrades in San Francisco, Seattle, Illinois and New York, and a number of suggestions were made out of which

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a formula was reached, now titled as a Chicago Formula, because it happened to have been proposed by a number of comrades there. The main aim of the call, the proposition of the delegation to be taken into consideration from the districts, especially districts in the Midwest to assure adequate representation in line with the size, had to be considered. We were also guided by the recommendation of two years ago. We propose as follows: That election of delegates shall be be on the following basis. 1. For the first 300 members in a district, based on average dues, the district shall be entitled to three delegates for each 100 for a total of 9. 2. That for the next 200 it shall be entitled to 2 for every 100 for a total of 4, and for each additional 75 or major fraction thereof each district shall have one delegate. Every functioning district organization of the Party under 100 shall be entitled to one delegate. Where the Party organization has been practically destroyed, such areas shall be entitled to send fraternal delegates. That each district shall be entitled to its full vote of this delegation where the full delegation can not attend the convention and that district shall send alternate people equal to 25 per cent of their delegations.

It is estimated that we will have in the neighborhood of 100 to 125 delegates.

Remarks of an Unknown Male

One question. A district under 100 has one delegate and a district with 300 gets three delegates per 100. Suppose a district has 75 members. Why should it not have two delegates?

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Remarks of WILLIAM ALBERTSON

Want to make an amendment?

Remarks of Unknown Male, Mentioned Above

Yes. Two for 50 to 100 and one for less than 50.

Remarks of WILLIAM ALBERTSON

The Committee agrees with the amendment, so ~~to~~ the original motion has now been added the following: That for districts with less than 50, there will be one delegate. From 50 to 100, will be 2 delegates, and then we start with the original idea for the first 300, 3 for 100. All in favor will signify by raising their hands. Down. Opposed, if any? In abstention? New York was in favor of this but permitted it to be called the Chicago plan.

Remarks of PHIL BART

On determining the average dues, it is proposed that the average dues shall be determined on the basis of 10 months from January to October, 1959. In determining the average which shall include all dues paid through November 30, 1959. That means that all dues coming in to the end of November will be counted in the average over a 10 month period.

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Remarks of Unknown Male

I'd like clarification by what is meant by all dues paid to November 30 inasmuch as some people pay dues in advance for months to follow. Would they be included? Or are we stipulating that while the dues may come in until November 30, the only part that will count is that which was paid for any one of the first 10 months.

Remarks of PHIL BART

We can hardly record month by month for each district. That is very difficult. I would say that on the average, it will make very very little difference. As a matter of fact, we counted from 1959, 1958, 1957 and 1956, dues and so on and it averages out over the years. Now I'm sure that over this 10 month period, taking into consideration this extra month, there may be a few area's payments for a whole year - it won't effect the delegations very much.

Discussion on Proposed Amendment

There was considerable discussion concerning the proposed amendment on the matter of dues payments during which WILLIAM ALBERTSON strongly opposed the amendment pointing out that the main desire was to get delegates to the convention and it was financially decided that the matter of special assessment for the convention should be referred to the NEC for action.

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Remarks of PHIL BART

BART made the motion that "whereas the 17th National Convention will consider proposals for the method to elect NC members it is resolved that the NC recommend to state conventions that they take no action under Article 5, Section 5, until the National Convention has determined the procedure for such an election."

Remarks of CARL WINTER

It is obvious that there is a very real problem here and not all features of the problem have been explored. However there is one other aspect that I think you should give careful thought to and that is the matter of not doing anything that will possibly enable anyone outside of our movement with alternative purposes to in any way make it appear that our Constitution is not the operative law of the Party. I think we had some experience with efforts of our enemies to misrepresent the nature and purposes of our Constitution and I don't know how to meet this but I think it is very important that we do meet it. For all the reasons that have been given, it is apparent that some change must be made in Article 5, Section 5, but what this change is and how it is made is of less importance as of this moment than that no question can exist after this convention but what the convention and the committee that is elected were the results of strict adherence to the Constitutional rules

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of the Party. Failure to guarantee that puts in danger the quality of the Constitution as a whole in the event that it is legally challenged at some future date as our past Constitutions have been. Therefore, perhaps the thing to do is to seek some legal advice about meeting the practical requirements and yet guaranteeing that we have proceeded in accordance with the Constitution. It may include a referendum distasteful as that is. Perhaps we can get folks to find some other methods but I would urge comrades, very seriously, to avoid anything that looks like the Constitution is treated as a matter of convenience. This Constitution at a time when we are fighting for the Constitutional rights of our Party and for the observance of the Constitutional rights of the American people must be held in very careful regard in our Party crisis.

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

I would propose that PHIL's motion which I believe is politically necessary should be adopted with the basis that the National Committees make a referendum of the State Committees in accordance with the - article of the Constitution.

Remarks of MICKEY LIMA

I would agree with GENE's proposal. In the discussion in the NEC, while the problem that has been raised by both DOROTHY (HEALEY) and CARL is apparent, I think that to leave this meeting and proceed to the District Conventions with the idea that the District Conventions are going to elect NC members based on this formula, the number of members and the procedure that

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was established at the last convention, is going to create more problems and has potentially within it the possibility of greater difficulties, legal and public and otherwise, than if we adopt some procedure especially the procedure emphasized in the proposal by GENE. Because, beside the obvious fact that this question is going to be debated within the framework of other questions relative to the question of Democratic centralism as it is presently in the Constitution and as it will be considered in terms of what changes will be proposed, the other reason for it is the size of the NC.

Now we are stuck with something more actively within the Constitutional provision and I think the NC ought to be clear about it because at the time that formula was adopted it was also understood that this convention would not be able to change the size of the NC that will function from this convention to the next one. Now I think we have to try to fight that. We have a situation in the Party, where the Party, I don't know in terms of what percentage it is today as compared to that time, at that time many people felt the Committee we elected was too large and unwieldy, is going to be entirely out of proportion now.

Therefore unless we can get agreement, and it seems to me that if we adopt this proposal of GENE's and raise it in the State Committees, have a referendum based on votes of the State Committees, that is not in violation of the Constitution and will have been properly submitted to the Party. This way we are not going to get ourselves in the complications that's going to be involved if we proceed to elect at the conventions.

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Remarks of IRVING POTASH

POTASH felt that the original proposal was a straight forward honest approach and indicated that he didn't see the need for any amendment.

Remarks of JOHN HELLMAN

HELLMAN said that he was in agreement with CARL WINTER and disagreed with IRVING POTASH. He said that he would much rather see a referendum than to act in a way that was in disobedience of the Constitution.

Vote on Motion and Amendment

Prior to taking a vote ALBERTSON announced that he would attempt to clarify the motion and the amendment. He restated ~~the motion~~ as originally stated by BART but in reading the amendment it appeared that as a result of discussion the matter was to be submitted to a referendum of the membership rather than as originally proposed, a referendum of the State Committees. ALBERTSON read the amendment as follows: "The amendment is that this resolve shall be submitted to the membership by referendum to be determined by a particular date that has not been settled yet certainly by a date well in advance of the State Conventions. That is the motion and the amendment."

The motion as amended was carried.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON read a motion that each State draft a resolution as pertaining to the particular problem of that State. The motion was carried.

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

EUGENE DENNIS in the concluding speech stated that the 17th Convention will take place under different conditions in that the CP is now unified, the Negro movement is strong and even though the CP is small, it is influential and has much to do on various issues. DENNIS noted that during 1958, only 100 new members were brought into the CP. He urged that an additional 100 be brought in between the 40th anniversary and the date of the holding of the 17th Convention.

Before the meeting was adjourned DENNIS again emphasized the necessity for the CP to take steps to bring into existence a Marxist Socialist Youth Organization which can meet in September.

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On 8/20/59, NY 694-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON that on the previous day he had conferred with PHIL BART, CP, USA, Organizational Secretary, and ISADORE WOFSY, member of the CP, USA, Reserve Fund Committee. The subject of discussion was the 35 East 12th Street building.

According to BART and WOFSY, CHARLES KELNER, manager of the building, has abandoned his intention to purchase the building, and is now demanding \$25,000.00 from the proceeds of the sale thereof. From a strictly legal standpoint, KELNER is in a position to substantiate his claims to the building. He also is in a position to damage the Party considerably if he should decide to publicize his claims to the building. Although the Party feels it is being "blackmailed" by KELNER, it is felt wise to sell the building and pay him the \$25,000.00 he demands.

By action of the other stockholders in the building, KELNER has been removed from the board of directors, and has been replaced by the attorney DAVID FREEDMAN. FREEDMAN has been directed by the CP to take immediate steps to sell the building.

Utmost caution must be exercised with respect to dissemination of information herein inasmuch as such information, by its nature, tends to identify NY 694-S*, a valuable informant, as the source thereof.

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- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Cleveland (100-421) (GUS HALL) (REGISTERED)
- 10 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-81752) (CP-USA, Brief)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-81338) (CP-USA, Security Measures)
 - (1 - 100-128814) (CP-USA, New York District, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-23825) (BENJAMIN DAVIS)
 - (1 - 100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS)
 - (1 - 100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
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- 3 - Chicago
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COMMENTS ON THE CURRENT PICTURE IN THE
NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY,
USA, BY PHIL BART

During the week of August 16, 1959, PHIL BART was discussing the general picture in the National Office of the Communist Party - USA as he sees it in his position as the National Organization Secretary.

Future Leadership of the Communist Party - USA

BART stated that there really has been no discussion as yet in regard to the future leadership of the Communist Party - USA. He said that the main topic to be discussed at the September 18-19, 1959, meeting of the National Executive Committee will be the future leadership of the Party.

BART commented that WILLIAM Z. FOSTER has sent a letter to the National Office, in which he proposes a Secretariat consisting of BEN DAVIS, GUS HALL, and EUGENE DENNIS. BART stated that this letter will not be made "public". According to BART, GUS HALL has visited FOSTER and has stated that there seems to be some friction developing between BEN DAVIS and FOSTER.

BART said that it is his personal opinion that GUS HALL is creating some problems. BART said that he cannot say that this is being done deliberately by HALL. In fact, he believes that it may not be deliberate. Nevertheless, the problems exist. Explaining this line of thought, BART said that HALL utilizes every opportunity to travel. He has been to Maryland and New Jersey. He is going to the Midwest in September, and will continue on to visit the West coast once again. In the Midwest, he will visit every city where he will be able to address a meeting, such as Chicago, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Gary, etc. He has been back to Cleveland on several occasions.

According to BART, EUGENE DENNIS had planned to make a trip to the Midwest and to Seattle, Washington, about the same time that HALL will make his trip. Since HALL has already obtained assignments for speeches, BART doubts that DENNIS will be able to go through with his plans now. BART said that even in New York, HALL has addressed the New York District Committee and is scheduled to address a functionaries meeting in New York.

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BART stated that while HALL said that he rejects the blandishments of leadership which FOSTER held out to him, he believes that it is necessary to find out what HALL's intentions are. BART said that HALL, by his actions, is placing himself in a position where he might endanger the position of DENNIS.

Continuing, BART said that he has had some discussions with HALL and will talk with him more frankly in the near future. BART said that in his prior talks with HALL, GUS HALL has denied that he will challenge the leadership of DENNIS.

Next, BART stated that he blames DENNIS and his method of work for this developing situation. For example, DENNIS always keeps things close to his vest. DENNIS is also very passive and retiring. He tries to avoid public appearances. He keeps certain problems in his pocket instead of discussing them with BART, HALL, STACHEL, and others in the National Office. All of this indicates a lack of initiative. As a result, by the time DENNIS does something, someone else has already acted.

BART said that others in the National Office attribute all sorts of motives to DENNIS' behavior when he does not confide in them and does not turn over documents to them. By way of example, BART stated that before DENNIS left on vacation, he invited GUS HALL to occupy a desk beside him in his penthouse office in the National Headquarters. Yet, DENNIS and HALL can spend hours in the same room and DENNIS will not confide in HALL in regard to some matters and will not turn documents over to him. Elaborating on this statement, BART said that after DENNIS went on vacation, they went through his desk and located some documents which they did not know existed. For example, there were requests for "greetings" from the Communist Party of Peru and the Communist Party of Bolivia. BART commented that often "greetings" to other Communist Parties have to be sent by wire at additional expense because DENNIS retains the requests for these "greetings", until the last moment.

BART said that he had to fight with the New York District, particularly with ALBERTSON and GANNETT, in order to get them to place DENNIS on the program for the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party - USA.

BART admitted that his future fate in the leadership of the Communist Party - USA is linked up with DENNIS. He said that when DENNIS returns from his vacation after Labor Day, he will acquaint him with this state of affairs. He will tell DENNIS

that if DENNIS does not make some changes, his position in the leadership will be in danger. BART commented that the rank-and-filers will not understand DENNIS' motives and will try to push him aside. BART commented that he would ask MORRIS CHILDS to speak to both DENNIS and to HALL about these matters.

Possible Changes in the Main Political
Resolution for the 17th National Convention

BART stated that since the meeting of the National Committee in July, 1959, they have had some discussions in the National Office in regard to the main political resolution for the 17th National Convention. As a result of these discussions, they believe that it may be necessary to make some changes. They may have to concretize some things and generalize other things, particularly in regard to the anti-monopoly coalition. They ask themselves, Who can be the spearhead to unite the anti-monopoly coalition? Can the Communist Party act as such a spearhead? They agreed that at this stage the Communist Party - USA cannot act in this capacity.

BART stated that in their discussions they studied the situation in Italy, particularly in Sicily. Through this study, they see in Italy many groups working for similar aims. These groups are in separate movements; yet, they are moving in parallel directions.

The situation in the United States is similar to that in Italy. For example, there is no united peace movement in the United States. However, there are movements for peace in the United States. On the other hand, if the Communist Party - USA tried to unite these movements at the present time, it would probably break them up. Take the labor movement in the United States. It is not united; however, the entire labor movement is fighting on the legislative front and on the strike front. Who can unite the labor movement in the United States? Certainly, the Communist Party - USA could not. Yet, so long as the peace movements, the labor movement, and the Communist Party - USA are fighting and are moving in the same directions, they are accomplishing something.

Therefore, Marxists in the United States must re-evaluate the objective situation and particularly the class relationships in the United States. They must give some new meaning to the anti-monopoly coalition so that it will not be misinterpreted to mean that you have one united whole. In fact, the term

"coalition" may be incorrect, since the word "coalition" presupposes an organization.

BART also said that perhaps the term "democratic front" is not in keeping with the actual situation in the United States. However, there may be the essence of a democratic front in all of these separate movements. Eventually, these movements may get together. In the meantime, all of these movements are proceeding in the same direction.

According to BART, sometime in September, 1959, one of the leading people, possibly GUS HALL, will write some thoughts for the Communist Party - USA. They will serve as a sort of addendum to the main political resolution. This addendum will express the idea that the Communist Party - USA is trying to become more flexible so that its outlook will be based on the actual facts in the United States.

The Communist Party - USA Constitution

BART stated that the National Office has withdrawn from circulation the draft of the proposed new Constitution for the Communist Party - USA. A draft Constitution will not be introduced to the 17th National Convention. The National Office will tell the Party that the Convention has the authority to amend anything, including the Constitution. Therefore, the Convention will amend the Constitution and in this way the Party will de-emphasize the idea of a new Constitution. The leadership was motivated chiefly by fear of Government action in the adoption of this procedure.

According to BART, the leadership reasons that the press, as well as the Government, could utilize the idea of a new Constitution in order to show that the Party is once again taking orders from abroad. The re-institution of democratic centralism would be used as proof of this. According to BART, democratic centralism can be re-introduced in the present Constitution by the insertion of clauses here and there. By this method, a large portion of the present Constitution will remain as is. Thus, the Party will not face the danger of press comments and possible Government action.

COMMENTS OF CG 5824-S*

In regard to the future leadership of the Communist Party - USA, there is no question but that DENNIS will have to change some of his methods in order to retain the leading position in the Party. However, no one has a serious political argument to use against DENNIS.

Due to a set of circumstances, GUS HALL was not involved in prior serious struggles in the Party and thereby has avoided creating enemies. However, as he becomes involved in the current discussions, he will necessarily gradually alienate some people. Therefore, he will be urged to move a little slower. While DENNIS is slow to act, he thinks out each problem well. On the other hand, HALL sometimes moves too quickly. DENNIS still has the support of many in the leadership. Therefore, it is possible that HALL will be convinced to beat a retreat and thereby DENNIS may emerge from the 17th National Convention as the leader of the Communist Party - USA.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

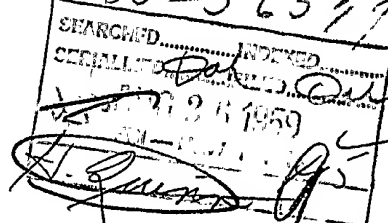
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- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Boston (100-775) (HOMER BATES CHASE) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-4663) (BEN DOBBS) (REGISTERED)
- 9 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-87211) (CP-USA, Factionalism)
 - (1 - 100-80640) (CP-USA, Negro Question)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-97167) ("Political Affairs")
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS)
 - (1 - 100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
 - (1 - 100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT)
 - (1 - 100-105078) (HYMAN LUMER)
- 3 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-24729) (EMANUEL BLUM)

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August 21, 1959

Comments of PHIL BART on the National
Committee Meeting held in July, 1959

On Tuesday, August 18, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated that BEN DOBBS had kept brief minutes of the July, 1959, meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party - USA.

BART stated that DOBBS' notes showed the following National Committee vote on the motion of EMANUEL BLUM to incorporate a letter from WILLIAM Z. FOSTER into the main political resolution for the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party - USA:

6 in favor
25 against
4 abstentions

DOBBS' notes showed the following vote for a motion to withdraw BLUM's motion and expunge it from the record:

26 in favor
2 against
1 abstention
1 not voting

After this vote, the following was the vote on the main line of the main political resolution:

31 in favor
1 against
3 abstentions

BART stated that he was of the opinion that most of those abstaining are supporters of the Right-wing viewpoint. He said that the one vote against may have been cast by HOMER CHASE.

The vote on the Negro resolution was as follows:

30 in favor
1 opposed

According to BART, the one vote against the Negro resolution was cast by HOMER CHASE. CHASE said he voted against the

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Negro resolution because it did not contain a demand for self-determination in the Black Belt.

BART stated that prior to the National Committee meeting, there was quite an argument which resulted from an attempt to persuade EUGENE DENNIS to make some introductory remarks as the main political resolution was presented to the National Committee. Finally, DENNIS more or less agreed to make such remarks; however, he then became ill. So, at the last minute, HY LUMER prepared some introductory remarks.

BART said that DENNIS did make some concluding remarks at the National Committee meeting and, for the first time in a long time, DENNIS evoked some applause. BART said that DENNIS' remarks were apropos and satisfied those in attendance at the National Committee meeting. According to BART, it was then agreed that DENNIS' remarks would be published in the September, 1959, issue of "Political Affairs", along with the main political resolution and the resolution on the Negro question. However, DENNIS said that he wanted to make some corrections in the outline he had prepared. Then DENNIS proceeded to turn his outline over to BETTY GANNETT so that she could make the corrections in it. At first, GANNETT protested but did make the corrections and returned the corrected document to DENNIS so that he could give it to "Political Affairs".

On August 18, 1959, BART could not locate the DENNIS document either in the National Office of the Communist Party - USA or in the office of the printer for "Political Affairs". BART commented that DENNIS may have taken it with him on his vacation so that he could either make additional corrections or to withhold it from publication.

BART further commented that he thought that DENNIS made an error in giving the document to GANNETT to correct, since she has been bragging about it to such an extent that one would think that she had written the original outline.

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 - (1 - 100-128821) (CP-USA, New York District, Factionalism)
 - (1 - 100-128814) (CP-USA, New York District, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-50094) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 100-23825) (BENJAMIN DAVIS)
 - (1 - 100-) (MILT ROSEN)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)

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PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated on August 18, 1959, that the National Office is still having trouble with the New York District. BART said that several weeks ago the National Executive Committee was supposed to examine the New York District, but that it did not receive the proper response from the leadership of the New York District. BEN DAVIS used the argument that the National Executive Committee should first examine some Right-wing Districts, such as the California District. The National Executive Committee told DAVIS that it would examine other Districts, including California and Illinois.

BART also stated that he had learned that recently there has been friction between BILL ALBERTSON and BEN DAVIS.

On August 18, 1959, BETTY GANNETT also stated that she had heard that BILL ALBERTSON and BEN DAVIS have had some serious arguments. GANNETT said that she finds working in the leadership of the New York District very difficult. She said that one is confronted with generalities on the part of BEN DAVIS and

[redacted] For example, in a given situation they will ask, What can the Communist Party do? Their answer will be that the Communist Party can do very little. According to GANNETT, they should ask, What can the workers do, and not, What can the Communist Party do?

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GANNETT also stated that MILT ROSEN is lined up with the supporters of BEN DAVIS. She also commented that she did not agree with the decision of the New York District to sponsor a "peace week".

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

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5 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
(1 - 65-62041) (SASH)

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(1 - 65-16441) (SASH)
(1 - 100-74560) (CP-USA, Funds)
(1 - 100-86624) (CP-USA, International Relations)
(1 - 100-54651) (CP-USA, National Groups Commission)
(1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
(1 - 100-89590) (CP-USA, Strategy in Industry)
(1 - 100-128817) (CP-USA, New York District, Membership)
(1 - 100-) (Communist Party of Canada)
(1 - 100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
(1 - 100-15140) (TIM BUCK)
(1 - 100-64061) (JACK CHILDS)
(1 - 100-81495) (HARRY HAYWOOD)
(1 - 100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON)

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(1 - 100-21421) (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)
(1 - 100-9595) (WILLIAM WEINSTONE)
(1 - 105-6808) [redacted]
(1 - 100-) [redacted]

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(1 - A/134-46)
(1 - 65-3888) (SASH)
(1 - 100-18961) (CP-USA, Illinois District, International
Relations)
(1 - 100-1345) (HARRY CANTER)
(1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
(1 - 100-2515) (ELMER JOHNSON)
(1 - 100-8751) (IMOGENE JOHNSON)
(1 - 100-18457) (RALPH TURNER)

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August 21, 1959

Discussion in New York City Between PHIL BART,
MORRIS CHILDS, and IRVING POTASH in Regard to
Messages from the Communist Party - USA to the
Communist Party of the Soviet Union

During the first part of the week of August 16, 1959, there was a discussion in New York City between PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA; IRVING POTASH, Trade Union Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, and MORRIS CHILDS, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Communist Party - USA. The purpose of this discussion was to formulate messages to be carried by CHILDS to TIM BUCK, Head of the Labor Progressive Party (the Communist Party of Canada), with the request that BUCK transmit these messages to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Unofficial Trade Union Delegations

POTASH asked CHILDS if any information had been received on the possibility of sending unofficial trade union delegations from the United States to Russia. CHILDS replied that a message had been received from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to the effect that it was all right to go ahead with plans for such delegations, provided that all expenses of the delegates will be paid from the United States to Moscow. It will also be necessary to send information in advance concerning the number in each delegation, the names and backgrounds of those in each delegation, and the proposed dates for their trip.

POTASH stated that he would see ALEX KALKIN, member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, in New York City, in regard to an unofficial trade union delegation. POTASH stated that KALKIN originally wanted to go to Moscow during the time that the United States had its exhibit there. Nevertheless, it might be possible to have such a delegation in Moscow by November 7, 1959, for the annual celebration.

CHILDS also told POTASH and BART that a group from Chicago, which included RALPH TURNER, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party - USA; ELMER JOHNSON, member of the District Committee of the Communist Party of Illinois; and IMOGENE JOHNSON and HARRY CANTER, members of the Communist Party of Illinois, had left Chicago for a trip to Poland without receiving permission from the Communist Party of Illinois.

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It was agreed that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union should be told in a message addressed "To Whom It May Concern" that the Communist Party - USA does not assume responsibility for this group which is going to Poland. BART and POTASH wondered how the Communist Party - USA might contact the Socialist countries to inform them that they should not encourage such delegations without the knowledge of the Communist Party - USA. No decision was reached on how this might be accomplished.

Ukrainian Delegation Going to Russia

BART and POTASH stated that a [redacted] is leaving from the United States for the Soviet Union sometime in September, 1959. A member of this [redacted] (ph), [redacted] of a Ukrainian weekly newspaper. [redacted] has been a member of the Communist Party for 31 years. The only member of the [redacted] who will [redacted] from the Communist Party - USA [redacted] CHILDS was asked to inform the Communist Party of the Soviet Union that [redacted] is the only member of the [redacted] who the Communist Party - USA will endorse and for whom it will assume responsibility.

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BART and POTASH stated that a Ukrainian delegation from Canada is also going to the Soviet Union. The Canadian delegation is led by PETER KRACHAK (ph). Some of the Canadian Ukrainians planned to leave Canada for Europe on the Polish liner Batory. According to BART and POTASH, the Ukrainians in both the United States and Canada, but particularly those in Canada, have as many complaints against the Russians as the Jews have. The Ukrainians are complaining that the Ukrainian language is being made a secondary language in the Ukraine. Further, there are not enough Ukrainian cultural activities in the Soviet Ukraine. Also, that the Ukrainians in Russia are denied cultural opportunities. Further, that when Ukrainians from North America travel to the Soviet Ukraine, they want to visit the villages but the Russians will only permit them to visit the cities.

HARRY HAYWOOD

BART and POTASH stated that HARRY HAYWOOD is currently residing at the following address:

San Pedro de los Pinos
Calle 17 No. 122
Mexico, D.F.

In a letter addressed to the Communist Party - USA, HAYWOOD complained that while JAMES JACKSON was in Mexico, he slandered HAYWOOD and said that HAYWOOD is not a member of the Communist Party - USA. In this letter, HAYWOOD claimed that he has been paying dues to a Waterfront Club in the New York District and that this club has been accepting his dues.

At this point, WILLIAM ALBERTSON was asked to join in this phase of the discussion. ALBERTSON verified that a statement was issued by the New York District and was endorsed by the National Executive Committee at the time the Provisional Committee to Re-Constitute the Communist Party - USA held its first conference. In this statement, the names of JOSEPH DOUGHER and ARMANDO ROMAN were set out. The statement points out that if anyone in the Communist Party - USA associates with these individuals or with the "vanguard group", they will automatically read themselves out of the Communist Party - USA. HARRY HAYWOOD not only associated with these individuals, but was at one time an officer in the "vanguard group". Therefore, he is no longer a member of the Communist Party - USA.

BART and POTASH requested that this information be given by MORRIS CHILDS to TIM BUCK, and that BUCK be requested to transmit it not only to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, but also to the Communist Party of Mexico.

WILLIAM WEINSTONE

BART and POTASH requested that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union be asked for information concerning WILLIAM WEINSTONE, and that WEINSTONE be instructed that he should return to the United States from Russia as soon as possible.

Messages from the Communist Party - USA to TIM BUCK

BART and POTASH stated that TIM BUCK is supposed to send a taped speech to the Communist Party - USA so that this speech may be used at the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Communist Party - USA in New York City. They requested CHILDS to remind BUCK to tape this speech and also to send his photograph to the Communist Party - USA so that it can be used for publicity purposes.

BART and POTASH also requested that CHILDS attempt to have JUAN MARINELLO, President of the Partida Socialista Popular,

the Communist Party of Cuba, tape a speech for use at the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Communist Party - USA. CHILDS suggested that the National Office of the Communist Party - USA communicate directly with MARINELLO in this regard.

BART and POTASH also requested that CHILDS determine if BUCK has any information concerning a possible Western Hemisphere or Latin American Conference of Communist Parties.

BART and POTASH also requested that TIM BUCK be notified that the Communist Party - USA will send a couple of delegates to the Convention of the Labor Progressive Party, which is scheduled to start on October 9, 1959. The Communist Party - USA cannot say at this time whether or not these delegates will be able to make a "public" appearance.

Meeting Between MORRIS CHILDS and TIM BUCK in Toronto, Canada

During the late evening hours of August 18, 1959, and on the afternoon of August 19, 1959, the above messages from the Communist Party - USA for the Communist Party of the Soviet Union were delivered to TIM BUCK in Toronto, Canada.

BUCK stated that on August 22, 1959, he planned to see the Communist Party of the Soviet Union Secretary for the Russian Embassy in Ottawa, Canada. BUCK said that this Secretary is scheduled to return to the Soviet Union soon for a one-month vacation. BUCK stated that he would present all of these messages to this Secretary.

CHILDS also gave BUCK a copy of the drafts of the main political resolution and the resolution on the Negro question for the 17th National Convention of the Communist Party - USA. These will also be transmitted to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. CHILDS also briefed BUCK on the July, 1959, meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party - USA, and this included the vote on the main political resolution and the vote on the motion by EMANUEL BLUM to incorporate WILLIAM Z. FOSTER's letter into the main political resolution. CHILDS also briefed BUCK on some of the inner problems in the leadership of the Communist Party - USA. BUCK said that he would also transmit this information to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

Request for Additional Funds for the
Communist Party - USA from the Commu-
nist Party of the Soviet Union

CHILDS told BUCK that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union had made certain financial commitments to the Communist Party - USA, but that these had not been completely fulfilled. Thus, plans of the Communist Party - USA to publish a magazine on Negro affairs and possibly to resume publication of the "Daily Worker" are just dreams unless these funds are received. Further, the current financial drive in the Communist Party - USA is not going well. CHILDS asked BUCK how this problem might be diplomatically presented to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

BUCK stated that he would tell the Communist Party of the Soviet Union Secretary for the Russian Embassy at Ottawa that he has met with a leading personage from the Communist Party - USA and learned that the Communist Party - USA has some serious financial problems. BUCK said that he would not present this problem as a complaint. At this point, BUCK commented that MIKHAIL SUSLOV, Member of the Presidium, and BORIS PONOMAREV, Head of the International Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, are very careful and will not take any chances which might in any way mess up the exchange of visits between NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV and DWIGHT EISENHOWER.

BUCK's Complaints Concerning the Russians

BUCK stated that it is very difficult to get the Russians to live up to their promises. He commented that the Communist Party - USA has so far been very fortunate in this respect.

By way of example, BUCK stated that when they made plans to start printing copies of the "World Marxist Review" in Canada, ROMONSOV (ph), of the "World Marxist Review" in Prague, Czechoslovakia, told the Labor Progressive Party to go ahead with the printing plans and commitments. He said that a budget had been authorized and that the Labor Progressive Party would obtain the necessary funds. Yet, only last week ANNE BULLER, who is in charge of Progress Books, appeared before the Labor Progressive Party Secretariat and said that the next issue of the "World Marxist Review" would not be printed. She exhibited the accounting books to the Secretariat. They showed that only \$85 had been received from the Russians and that thousands of dollars were owed to the printer. BUCK stated that the Labor Progressive Party paid some of the bill and told the printer to go ahead with

the next issue. Still, they have not received any funds from the Russians for the printing of the "World Marxist Review". BUCK stated that in the handling and transmitting of funds, the Russians are too careful.

On the other hand, when the Russians are eager to obtain some information, they talk to everyone, including unauthorized people. BUCK also stated that the Russians give credit to unauthorized book dealers and then hold the authorized agencies responsible when the bills cannot be collected from the unauthorized book dealers.

Continuing with his complaints against the Russians, BUCK stated that until recently they were not allowed to send any delegations from Canada to White Russia or Belorussia. They finally agreed orally to permit a delegation of five, but the Labor Progressive Party insisted on a delegation of eight. At last, the Russians agreed to a delegation of eight but when the official invitation was received, it called for a delegation of sixteen. So, the Labor Progressive Party sent a delegation of sixteen to Belorussia. When the delegation arrived in Belorussia, all of the delegates requested that they be permitted to visit the villages. The Russians permitted all but one of the delegation to visit the villages. BUCK commented that this arbitrary decision created a heck of a situation and the decision had been made by a local Party organization in Belorussia.

Returning once again to literature and book distribution, BUCK stated that the Russians are too anxious to make a sale. They will ship books to anyone who will buy them and then they hold the authorized distributing agency responsible. They will not even consult with the authorized agency before making such a shipment. This creates many difficulties.

In conclusion, BUCK stated that it is necessary to have patience in dealing with the Russians. Further, decisions which are not made at the very top level of leadership in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union are often subsequently ignored.

BUCK's Comments in Regard to a Latin American Conference of Communist Parties

BUCK stated that he has received no information concerning a Conference of Latin American Communist Parties. He said that he thinks that some Latin American Communist leaders do not

want such a conference. BUCK said that he would request information from the Communist Party of the Soviet Union in this regard, but if the Russians show a reluctance in answering this request, it can be assumed that there are no immediate plans for such a conference.

BUCK stated that FRANK and BETTY PARKS are currently in Canada on vacation. They have no information about a Latin American Conference. They said that the Mexican Communists are complaining because there has been no such conference. The PARKSes expressed the opinion that the worsening of the United States - Cuban relationships and the fact that the Communist Party is virtually illegal in Argentina may have had something to do with delaying the proposed Conference of Latin American Communist Parties.

According to BUCK, the PARKSes have in their possession a document from the Communist Party of Argentina. This document deals with the situation in Latin America. BUCK said that he will have this document translated and promised to send a copy of the translation to CHILDS.

Miscellaneous

BUCK stated that the Labor Progressive Party received an invitation to send three delegates to the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of People's China. BUCK stated that he did not know as yet who the Labor Progressive Party delegates to China would be.

BUCK said that the Labor Progressive Party has as yet not received an invitation to send delegates to Moscow for the 42nd Anniversary celebration on November 7, 1959.

BUCK said that he planned to make three separate trips of approximately one week duration prior to October 9, 1959.

CHILDS also delivered to BUCK a sealed letter which IRVING POTASH had given to JACK CHILDS. BUCK was to deliver this letter to BILL KASHTAN. It is believed that this letter contained information concerning the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers and other trade union matters in the United States.

CHILDS also delivered to BUCK for transmittal to Russia a message from ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, which has been described elsewhere.

_____ and her husband, _____ arrived at TIM BUCK's residence on Tuesday evening, August 18, 1959. BUCK and _____ do not trust _____ and do not discuss Communist Party affairs in his presence. b6 b7C

TIM BUCK stated that he had learned that in the future all delegations going to Russia will be handled by In-Tourist while in Russia.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579) (422)

FROM: SA b6
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DATE: AUG 25 1959

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 8/25/59

UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on August 21, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following pages. This oral information was reduced to writing on August 24, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Cleveland (100-421) (GUS HALL) (REGISTERED)
- 13 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-87211) (CP-USA, Factionalism)
 - (1 - 100-74560) (CP-USA, Funds)
 - (1 - 100-128861) (CP-USA, Funds) (Reserve Funds)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-81675) (CP-USA, Pamphlets and Publications)
 - (1 - 100-) (Liberty Book Club)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-20128) (ALEXANDER BITTELMAN)
 - (1 - 100-17923) (JOHN GATES)
 - (1 - 100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON)
 - (1 - 100-105078) (HYMAN LUMER)
 - (1 - 100-) (CARL MARZANI)
 - (1 - 100-19679) (ISADORE WOFSY)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)

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**Information Concerning a Book Written
by ALEXANDER BITTELMAN**

On August 18, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated that the Communist Party - USA is having a lot of trouble with ALEXANDER BITTELMAN. BART stated that BITTELMAN wrote a book and sent it to CARL MARZANI at the Liberty Book Club, and asked the Liberty Book Club to publish it. BITTELMAN also mailed letters to "The Worker", "Morning Freiheit", and "Jewish Currents". In these letters, BITTELMAN announces that he has written a book, gives a brief account of the contents of the book, and states that he is not receiving any compensation from the publication of the book. He asked that the letters be published in the periodicals to which he mailed them. These letters have not been published.

BART said that BITTELMAN has been called into the National Office for discussions and was called to a meeting of the resident National Executive Committee. The resident National Executive Committee asked him to turn over the manuscript to the National Executive Committee. He said that he would not do this. They argued that they could not understand why he would give the manuscript to a non-Party person and yet would not give it to the Party. They also argued that he was behaving like JOHN GATES.

BITTELMAN stated that his book contains a program for the Communist Party - USA, whereas the book written by JOHN GATES did not contain a program for the Communist Party. BITTELMAN also argued that the Communist Party - USA has an organization but really there is no Communist Party in the United States. He said, In this book I have some ideas which would help the Communist Party. You condemn me before you have read the book. If I gave the book to you, then you would take some things out of context and chop the book up.

BART stated that BITTELMAN left the meeting stating that he would not turn over the manuscript to the National Executive Committee. BART commented that the resident National Executive Committee treated BITTELMAN politely, but that it had just about given up on BITTELMAN.

BART also stated that BITTELMAN gets \$50 a month from the Communist Party - USA, and also ISADORE WOFSY gives BITTELMAN money from time to time, and that the Communist Party will put a stop to this.

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Next, BART stated that the resident National Executive Committee made a decision that BITTELMAN has to turn over the manuscript to a committee of three, which consists of HY LUMER, JIM JACKSON, and GUS HALL.

According to BART, he had just received a letter from BITTELMAN in which BITTELMAN said that he is ready to turn over the manuscript to BART provided that BART would come to BITTELMAN's residence to get it. BART said that he planned to send someone to obtain the manuscript from BITTELMAN.

COMMENTS OF CG 5824-S*

It will be recalled that for a long time, ALEXANDER BITTELMAN was considered the outstanding theoretician in the Communist Party - USA.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579) (422)

FROM: SA [REDACTED] b6
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DATE: AUG 25 1959

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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DORETTA TARMON
SM - C

Identity of Informant: NY 2471-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 8/20/59

NY 2471-S* has reported that on 8/20/59, VIRGINIA GARDNER contacted DORETTA (TARMON) and asked her to pick up something for her (VIRGINIA) at CARL BRODSKY's office "799" (Broadway). DORETTA and VIRGINIA made reference to a meeting they had attended last night. DORETTA said that "he" (believed to be GUS HALL at CP meeting on 8/19/59) had been going around talking to people who are out (of the Party) and in California he met with DOROTHY HEALEY. VIRGINIA said DOROTHY HEALEY is still in (the Party). DORETTA said she wanted to know in what respects "he" (last night's speaker) differed from the people who left the Party.

DORETTA said she agreed with the general evaluation of the internal situation in the Party as given by "him" but does not agree with the letter of WILLIAM Z. (FOSTER). DORETTA said she has been hearing people talk about "change" in the Party since 1923 but she wants them now to spell out what they mean by "change" in the Party. DORETTA said she is not referring to GATES, CLARK, or STAROBIN but to the other people who left the Party and she wants to know how the Party differs with these people. DORETTA also said, "We were ripped to pieces on this issue in 1956". She said CONNIE and PHIL (BART) talked to her and said "Now things are the way we want them" (in the Party). DORETTA said she gets angry when anyone calls her (DORETTA) a GATES, CLARK or STAROBIN.

- 1- New York (100-56835) (VIRGINIA GARDNER) (425)
- 1- New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (422)
- 1- New York (100-273) (DORETTA TARMON) (424)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 8/26/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

SUBJECT: PHILLIP BART
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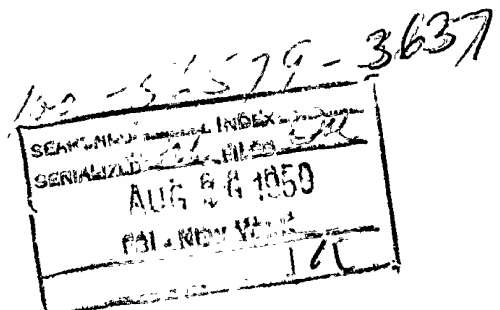
On 7/23/59, NY 1750-S furnished information regarding a conversation which took place in the apartment at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. The source advised that the subject spoke to his wife, CONNIE, regarding several National CP Functionaries who he criticized as being present on the West Coast and who have to come back to the National Committee Meeting to be held soon and are then returning back to the coast on their vacations. BART criticized the fact that these trips would have to be paid for by the Party. He mentioned JAMES JACKSON as one of these persons and said that JACKSON has "his own little empire which can not be tumbled".

Source said that BART stated that he was going to bring this matter into the open because it has nothing to do as far as Party organization is concerned and that it must stop. He then mentioned a proposed trip by GENE DENNIS to the Mid West for five weeks. He said that this trip also has nothing to do with Party organization and he is going to tell that to DENNIS.

BART then mentioned to his wife that HY LUMER had taken a trip on the organization.

- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-8057) (GENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-82430) (IRVING HERMAN)
- 1 - New York (100-56579)

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Later in the evening, the subject received a phone call and made an appointment with the person to meet him on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Reeds Cafeteria at 5th Avenue and 23rd Street, NYC.

It is noted that a surveillance by SA STEPHEN FEDUNIAK and JOHN SEATON revealed that the above time the subject met with IRVING HERMAN and they both proceeded to a park in the adjacent area where they sat on a bench and held a long conversation.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES

DATE: 8/26/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO IDENTIFY
A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

The following was furnished to the Bureau by airtels 7/28/59 and 7/29/59. This letter is submitted to fully disseminate the information to individual case files.

NY 2359-S* has reported on 7/28/59, that on that date the weekly meeting of the NEC was held in the third floor

- 5- Los Angeles (RM) :
 - (1- 100-4486) (DOROTHY HEALEY)
 - (1- 100-4663) (BEN DOBBS)
 - (1- 100- PETTIS PERRY)
- 2- San Francisco (Info) (RM)
 - (1- 65-1242) (MICKEY LIMA)
- 1- New York (100-80640) (CP, USA-Negro Question) (415)
- 1- New York (100-7629) (Cominfil NAACP) (413)
- ①- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-23825) (BEN DAVIS) (416)
- 1- New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1- New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
- 1- New York (100-91330) [REDACTED] (415) b6 b7C
- 1- New York (100-18065) (JACK STACHEL) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
- 1- New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-80641) (415)

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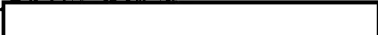
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board room at the National Office of the CPUSA, NYC. This meeting began at 10:30 AM and was chaired by EUGENE DENNIS.

The informant identified as attending this meeting:

PHIL ROSE


DOROTHY BEALEY
JACK SEAGHEL
BEN DORSE
PETTIS PERRY

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
GUS HALL
MICKTY LIMA
IRVING POTASH
ARNOLD JOHNSON
BEN DAVIS

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DENNIS announced that the meeting's agenda would include discussion of the NAACP convention, Southern California, and the draft document (apparently draft of main political resolution):

The first speaker was PETTIS PERRY who criticized the NAACP Convention for not pointing out the unfinished task before the Negro Liberation Movement. He said a number of southern states are defying a Supreme Court desegregation decision and although legal battles have been won JIM CROW still prevails in the South.

He claimed there was less redbaiting at the convention than heretofore but a statement was made at the convention that the fight against JIM CROW should be on a par with the fight against Communism in unions.

PERRY accused ROY WELKINS of redbaiting for having compared Dixiecrats with Bolsheviks. He noted a number of good resolutions had been presented at the convention; one against the McCarran Act and one on migratory workers.

PERRY said with reference to left progressive forces in NAACP, the Party must examine these weaknesses and take some fundamental organizational steps.

He related that the CP had at first supported ROBERT WILLIAMS (relieved of his North Carolina post in

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NAACP for approval of violence) in his fight against the national leadership. PERRY noted, however, that WILLIAMS had arrived at the convention on July 23, with a document circulated by Trotskyites and the CP withdrew.

PERRY noted too that a resolution bearing on the A bomb was not introduced.

[redacted] observed that the militancy of the NAACP convention was restricted by petty bourgeois leadership and anti-Communism.

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WILLIAM L. PATTERSON asserted NAACP convention did not meet its responsibility and ideologically took a step backward. PATTERSON said "We have argued in the Party that the strength of a Negro in the struggle in America exceeds his numerical strength in the population," this being noted with reference to the NAACP as a mass organization which he said has tremendous potential for influence among the Negro people.

An unidentified male said the NAACP is the heart of the Negro Liberation Movement today and that movement he said cannot be left to the Negro Commission of the CP and the NEC must take a hand. This unmale said a lot of things are happening to the forces around the NAACP and disclosed that a series of unofficial discussions are taking place with JACKIE ROBINSON and HARRY BELAFONTE to see what might be done to rally the Negro people.

The meeting resumed at 1:43 PM, following a luncheon recess.

An individual believed to be DOROTHY HEALEY reported on activity in Southern California referring to the Negro Liberation Movement, the political situation, and problems of Party organization. The informant was unable to furnish pertinent details of her remarks.

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GUS HALL followed DOROTHY HEALEY as a speaker and stated that it is important that the CP develop proper relations with the left. He said it is a question of developing a proper tactical approach. He observed that the comrades on the West Coast are beginning to move and are working on a higher plane. HALL commented that the CP should take pride in the work done in Southern California;

MICKEY LIMA said that the CP in Los Angeles is still a substantial organization and has made important progress in the legislative and civil rights field. He said that how the role of the CP is "reflected down below" is the key question in California. LIMA noted that the break down of Democratic Centralism in Southern California is a key problem which must be solved at the National Convention. He said the California leadership has had years of experience in mass organization work;

An individual believed to be IRVING POTASH pointed out that there is need for the CP to develop work in the youth field to a greater extent than it has.

ARNOLD JOHNSON observed that Southern California is an important district and cannot be ignored. He said further that the political situation will make Los Angeles more important in the coming period.

BEN DAVIS, with reference to Southern California, said it is important to fight for the line of the CP.

EUGENE DENNIS discussed the question of editing the resolution on the Negro question and the draft of the main political resolution. He said these have to be edited and in the hands of the printer by August 10, 1959. He suggested that should JAMES JACKSON be absent, [redacted]

[redacted] With reference to the draft of the political resolution, he said HALL, HY LUMER, and POTASH could work on it. He then said that upon completion of editorial work, the NEC could collectively review both documents.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHILLIP BART
IS-C

DATE: 8/26/59

On 7/26/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place in the apartment at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. The source advised that the subject had contacted GENE DENNIS early that morning and told him that the meeting of the National Committee of the CP, USA was scheduled to continue that day and to start at 9:30 a.m.. He asked DENNIS if he was going to attend. Subject also told DENNIS that he heard from MORRIS (CHILDS) and that he would not be able to make it but he would try to be there next week.

The source advised that the subject later spoke with his wife, CONNIE, mentioned talking to DENNIS and DENNIS said he was going to attend the meeting that day. CONNIE asked if DENNIS still were the same type of person and BART said that he is "still to aloof." His wife mentioned that he would probably call SELMA (WEISS) and maybe they could get together that afternoon.

Source advised that later in the day CONNIE mentioned that she and WEISS and FRANCES WILLIAMS had gone to the Botanical Gardens for the afternoon. She said that she thought WILLIAMS had been rather cool to her. The subject commented that is just WILLIAMS manner and she is like that all the time.

1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
 1 - New York (100-8057) (GENE DENNIS) (415)
 1 - New York (100-) (SELMA WEISS) (422)
 1 - New York (100-84944) (GUS HALL) (415)
 1 - New York (100-47632) (FRANCES WILLIAMS)
 1 - New York (100-56579)

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On 8/14/59, NY 2002-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the NYO, a photographic copy of a dues report dated 8/10/59, from the Illinois, CP. This dues report, which covered collections made in July, 1959, contained the following data:

<u>Denominations</u>	<u>Number of Dues Payments</u>	<u>Gross Dues</u>
\$.15 (Unemployed and Students)	8	\$ 1.20
.50 (Housewives and up to \$50.00)	42	21.00
1.00 (\$51 - 90 weekly)	54	54.00
2.00 (\$91 - 120 weekly)	30	60.00
5.00 (over \$120 weekly)	58	290.00
3.00	1	3.00
2.50	6	15.00
	<u>199</u>	<u>\$444.20</u>
	Less 50%	222.10
	due to National Office	\$222.10

- 3 - Chicago (RM)
 (2 - 100-17769) (CP, USA - FUNDS)
 (1 - 100-) (FRITZI ENGLESTEIN)
2 - Indianapolis (RM)
 (1 - 100-8236) (CP, USA - FUNDS)
 (1 - 100-) (EMANUEL BLUM)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-74560) (415)

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Initiations: 1 at \$50	\$.50
Southern Solidarity Assessments (2)	2.00
Total Due to National Office	<u>\$224.60</u>
Less Deductions	40.00
Total Enclosed	<u>\$184.60</u>

In explanation of the \$40.00 deductions mentioned above, the following notation appeared on the dues report: "Paid to M.B. Indiana." Stapled to the dues report was the following receipt:

"July 20, 1959

"Received from Illinois District \$40.00 from national dues for travel to NC meeting.

M.Blum"

A personal bank money order for \$184.60 drawn on the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, 111 South Dearborn St., Chicago, accompanied above dues report.

The money order (#42505), dated 8/12/59, was made payable to PHIL BART and was signed by FRITZI ENGLESTEIN, 36 W. Randolph St., Chicago.

If above information is to be used in reports disseminated outside the Bureau, it should be appropriately paraphrased to protect the identity of NY 2002-S*.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 8/26/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHILLIP BART
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On 8/1/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place in the apartment at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. The source advised the BARTS had held a party in their apartment on the evening of the above date to celebrate the birthday of CONNIE BART, BETTY GANNETT and ELIZABETH FLYNN. Apparently the preparations and cooking for the party was done by the subject and JIM TORMEY and in addition to the above persons HY LUMER and KATHY FLYNN were also in attendance.

During most of the party, the conversation was unaudible, but the subject was heard to mention that GUS HALL, who had been invited to the party, could not attend because Brooklyn was outside the district to which his travel was restricted.

During the party, KATHY FLYNN also mentioned that WILLIAM WEINSTONE had written a letter to GENE DENNIS from Russia in which he said he did not want to come back to the US. She said that DENNIS had written back and said that "he had better come back".

- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-105078) (HI LUMER) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-68111) (KATHY FLYNN) (424)
- 1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH FLYNN)
- 1 - New York (100-84844) (GUS HALL) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-9595) (WILLIAM WEINSTONE) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-56579)

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MORRIS CHILDS
IS-C

On 7/29/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place in the apartment of PHILLIP and CONNIE BART, 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY.

Source advised that PHILLIP BART's wife, CONNIE, had inquired about the condition of BETTY GANNETT. PHILLIP said that GANNETT had been examined by a doctor and it would appear now that she may not need an operation, however, he commented that "she looks like hell and acts worse."

Source advised that PHILLIP and CONNIE later discussed a party which they were having in their apartment on Saturday, August 1, 1959, which would be to celebrate her birthday along with that of BETTY GANNETT and ELIZABETH FLYNN. She commented that she would leave the apartment on Saturday at noon so that he could make all the preparations.

During a conversation a discussion was had regarding various personalities at CP Headquarters and CONNIE commented that she had been speaking to JEAN SMITH who had told her that she is very depressed.

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1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-56579) (PHILLIP BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
1 - New York (100-) (JEAN SMITH) (416)
1 - New York (100-7696) (ELIZABETH FLYNN) (415)
1 - New York (100-8057) (GENE DENNIS) (415)
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Later in the evening PHILLIP BART made a phone call to Chicago telephone number VI 6-2985. During this conversation he spoke to MORRIS (CHILDS) and they conversed regarding some material that was sent to CHILDS. BART told him that the rest of the material would be out by August 10, and that the main reason he called was that GENE DENNIS had said that CHILDS should not worry about the resolution that DENNIS is working on. BART said that DENNIS was leaving that weekend and he did not need the resolution until some time in September. He said that whenever CHILDS feels like coming to NY, PHILLIP will be there to discuss things with him, however, there is no need to rush as there is plenty of time before the convention.

After the telephone conversation, the subject mentioned to his wife that he had called CHILDS and that CHILDS' wife was in a comfortable room at the hospital.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-52578) DATE: 8/26/59
FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS
SUBJECT: CHARLENE MITCHELL
IS-C

On 8/14/59 NY 2002-S*, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available photographs of material located at CP National Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Included in this material, a copy of which is attached hereto, was:

A letter dated 8/7/59 addressed to PHIL (BART) from CHARLENE MITCHELL and a letter dated 8/13/59 addressed to CHARLENE (MITCHELL) from PHIL (BART).

(X) Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

() No copy of this memorandum is being retained other than the copy directed as above.

- 1- Los Angeles (100-52578) (Att. 1) (RM)
- 1- New York (100-80641) (CP, USA-ORGANIZATION) (415)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)

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2411 WEST 23rd STREET
Los Angeles 18, Calif.

August 7, 1959

Dear Phil:

Although it may be too late to look back on the National Committee meeting or to reconsider my thinking on same, there is one point, however, that I feel must bear some reconsideration, and I would like to, if I may, ask that the National Executive Committee give it some further thought.

To paraphrase the decision that I refer to - The National Committee agrees to hold the National Convention on December 10-12 at the HOTEL THERESA in New York City.

When I got to Chicago I discussed parts of the meeting with Earl Durham and he felt that we had made a mistake in having the Convention set for the Hotel Theresa... I agreed with him and on further thinking on the matter I felt that it was serious enough for us to do some rethinking on the question.

I further had an opportunity to see Mr. Jackson briefly while he was in Los Angeles he agreed with my sentiments and asked that when I wrote to you, to convey his agreement with me on this question.

The reasons are many but I will list a few:

- 1) At a time when our membership among the Negro people is at its low ebb, is it not an insult to have our Convention at the largest hotel in the Negro community that is headquarters for many activities and affairs of the Negro people.
- 2) At a time when our Party is still under great attack, is this the only community that we can find who will still accommodate us.

I discussed this briefly with the other National Committee members from Los Angeles and I feel that they were doing some rethinking on the question also.

So, if you would please raise this point at the N.E.C. resident board and ask if they might possibly look for another place and to take a referendum of the N.C. members (if that is necessary) to make a change.

I am sure that Jim will discuss this with you further upon his arrival in New York.

Please let me know what the thinking is.

Best regards to you and Connie.

Comradely,

Charlene
Charlene Mitchell

Aug. 13, 1939

Dear Charlotte:

Your letter of August 7th was read to the last meeting of the resident N.A.A. and an exchange of opinion took place.

First, let me assure you that before renting Hotel Thorton, this matter was discussed in the N.A.A. and personally with Comrade Davis, Jackson and Patterson. Comrade Jackson expressed some of the thoughts in your letter. The others found no disagreement with renting this hotel.

Furthermore, before renting Hotel Thorton we searched out every possible meeting hall and hotel in different parts of the city and were unable to get a hall suitable for the convention.

It is the general feeling here that having taken this step, we can use the occasion to focus attention on our work in the Negro community and the tasks of our Party in this field. We intend to take special steps for attendance of a good part of our Negro membership at the convention, as visitors aside from the representation as delegates.

We feel that having arranged for the convention in this hotel, we should use the occasion not just to point out our weaknesses which we need not hide, but conduct a critical discussion and utilize this event to help still further to focus attention on this question before the whole Party and our relationship with the people in the community.

It was also felt that the convention takes place in the area where Ben Davis is well known and was formerly a comrade and that this should be considered in connection with the convention.

When Jim comes back we will discuss it further with him.

With best personal regards from Connie and myself,

Cordially,

Phil

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-18953) DATE: 8/26/59
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ILLINOIS DISTRICT
ORGANIZATION
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On 8/14/59 NY 2002-S*, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available photographs of material located at CP National Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Included in this material, a copy of which is attached hereto, was:

1. Letter dated 7/31/59 addressed to PHIL (BART) from JIM (WEST).
2. Letter dated 8/5/59 addressed to JIM (WEST) from PHIL BART.
3. Letter dated 8/5/59 addressed to PHIL (BART) from JIM WEST.

() Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

() No copy of this memorandum is being retained other than the copy directed as above.

2- Chicago (100-18953) (Attn. 2) (RM)

(1- 100-20269) (JIM WEST)

1- Cleveland (100-421) (GUS HALL) (Attn. 1) (RM)

1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (413)

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July 31st

Dear Phil:

In addition to the 6 copies of the unamended draft resolution we asked for in the other letter, we would like to order 70 copies of the amended, mimeographed main resolution as soon as it appears, for which we will pay.

Meanwhile, I hope you will keep in touch with us in relation to the 40th anniversary meeting preparations. I am afraid that some things may get lost as a result of falling between different stools of responsibility.

For one thing, it is important to finalize speakers for the Chicago meeting. Who will be the NEC delegation,--will Gene, Gus and Ben come; who will speak? What is happening on lining up non-Party speakers? Is NY going ahead on picture blowups? If so, will they make arrangements for getting them to us, and what will those arrangements be? Will the tapes be available to us,--will it be necessary to make copies of the tapes in advance, to ensure our having them in time enough to play them to get an idea of timing, and other planning in conjunction with their presentation, etc.

Also, in relation to the pamphlet on the Party. Will it be out in September,--when, how much, etc.?

Finally, I hope to find time to sit down and write out some ideas in relation to the org. matter, on the basis of the document which Jack showed me and which I discussed briefly with him. If I do, I will send it in duplicate, one for you, one for Jack.

Best regards,

Jim

23 West 28 Street
New York, N. Y.
August 5, 1959

Dear Jim:

This is in reply to your letter of July 31. We sent you the six copies of the unamended draft of the resolution and will send you the amended copies as soon as they are ready. I expect that will be the latter part of next week.

I am still unable to finalize speakers, although Gus is definitely a speaker and will be at your meeting. You can advertise him. I am also enclosing the first material put out by New York, which is tickets for the meeting. They are using the same in enlarged form for their first publicity material.

I have written to Toronto and Havana and as soon as I have a reply, I will inform you of that and arrange for you to get copies of the tape. As to timing, it was my suggestion that they send us ten minute talks. This means that the Cuban talk will take twice as long because of the translation.

I am still checking on the blow-ups and as soon as I have all the arrangements for the New York meeting, I will let you know. We are holding up on that because we are trying to make them the same size as those of the leaders of the Canadian and Cuban parties and we are awaiting pictures from them.

The Eastern Seaboard Conference will be held at the same time as yours. It is being planned for two days; Saturday and Sunday, September 26 and 27. We have not as yet finalized our agenda for this meeting. In our first discussion, we had general agreement that Saturday be devoted to a report and discussion on ideological questions of the Party, answering a number of points on consolidating the Party, Party building under all conditions, functioning of the organization, the Party and mass work and the second day devoted concretely to experiences and methods of recruiting and building the press. As soon as we advance further in this matter, I will send you copies of our material. I would also like to get some from you.

With best personal regards,

Comradely yours,

Phil Bart
National Org. Secretary

Aug. 5th

Dear Phil:-

In connection with the 40th anniversary, there was one thing I forgot to suggest earlier.

I think some of the national leaders should be asked to write some feature articles expressly for the language press, to appear in the first three weeks of September, which would include in their context the New York and Chicago meetings, -time, place, programs, admission price, etc.

Two or three such feature items in Freiheit, Vilnis, etc., can do us a lot of good.

We are sending out letters in the various languages and also placing ads in the language press.

Meanwhile, I trust we will soon get:

- 1- The 75 copies of the amended main resolution, mimeed.
- 2- The stamps or certificates for the two-month convention assessment and any other related materials.
- 3- The referendum ballots for the clubs.
- 4- Announcements for clubs and sections on the pre-convention discussion bulletin publication dates and deadlines.

What is new in relation to the resolution on the Party?
Is there anything definite on a meeting of org. secs. on questions of organization?

comradely,


Jim West

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 8/26/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

SUBJECT: PHILLIP BART
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On 7/20/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place in the apartment of the subject at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The source advised that approximately 6:30 p.m., JIM TORMEY visited the BART apartment and he and the subject engaged in a short conversation. He told BART that his wife, BETTY GANNETT, needed an operation and that she has a growth (Thyroid) and that the doctors think she may also have a hernia above the Thyroid. He said that she also has polyps in the throat and a growth in her nose.

TORMEY also said that he was not feeling too well and was taking medication for his regular disease and also for gall stones which he described as a recent ailment.

1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
 1 - New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
 1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
 1 - New York (100-56579)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 8/26/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHILLIP BART
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On 7/24/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place in the apartment at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. The source advised that the subject and his wife spoke about an unidentified woman who had just been elected to the NY State Women's Commission. The conversation then evolved around "women's work in the CP and the great need for it." PHILLIP and CONNIE then spoke about a woman whose "part of JEAN's set up." Directly after this the name of SYLVIA HALL was mentioned.

Later the source advised CONNIE BART ask the subject if ISADORE WOFSY was still handling finances for the CP and the subject retorted that WOFSY "is spending finances."

1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
 1 - New York (100-100351) (SYLVIA HALL) (415)
 1 - New York (100-26603) (CP ~~NY~~ NY State) (416)
 1 - New York (100-19679) (ISADORE WOFSY) (415)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33729)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 8/26/59

EXTREME CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY
OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on August 21, 1959, orally furnished to
SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following pages. This
oral information was reduced to writing on August 25, 1959.

The New York Division is requested to attempt to
identify "old man HELLER" and forward the copy of this communi-
cation designated for HELLER's file to the appropriate division
in Florida.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 14 - New York (REGISTERED)
- (1 - 100-81752) (CP-USA, Brief)
 - (1 - 100-74560) (CP-USA, Funds)
 - (1 - 100-86624) (CP-USA, International Relations)
 - (1 - 100-103949) (Imported Publications and Products)
 - (1 - 65-7586) (Four Continent Book Store)
 - (1 - 100-32826) (JAMES ALLEN)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS)
 - (1 - 100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)
 - (1 - 100-) ((FNU) HELLER)
 - (1 - 100-7971) (MARGARET COWL KRUMBEIN)
 - (1 - 100-) ((FNU) MARKOFF) (ph)
 - (1 - 100-21421) (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)
 - (1 - 100-9595) (WILLIAM WEINSTONE)
- 3 - Chicago
- (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)

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N. P. Quinn

August 21, 1959

Remarks of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG Concerning
his Trip to Russia and Other Countries

During the first part of the week of August 16, 1959, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG was discussing his recent trip to Russia and other countries.

Eastern Germany

TRACHTENBERG stated that he had visited practically every Socialist country, including Eastern Germany. He stated that he was received with much pomp and ceremony in East Germany. He visited with GERHART EISLER. He also saw a person referred to as NORDIN (ph), a Minister in the Eastern German Government. NORDIN commented that more Americans are needed in Eastern Germany in order to carry on propaganda directed at the United States.

Russia

TRACHTENBERG stated that he wanted to go to Sochi, but the Russians sent him to the Crimea and the Northern part of the Caucasus Mountains near Podgorny (ph) and Kislovots (ph). He stated that he was with a couple of Latin Americans, but he did not identify them. He said that they were mountain climbing when he had a heart attack and became partially paralyzed. He lost the use of one leg and one arm.

He said that when the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) learned that he had a heart attack, they sent ALEKSEI GRECHUKHIN, of the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPSU, to him. GRECHUKHIN accompanied him on the train back to Moscow. Instead of visiting his relatives at Rostov-on-Don, the Russians permitted ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG's relatives to accompany him on the train ride back to Moscow. He was taken to the Kremlin Hospital and the physicians wanted him to remain in the hospital for four months. He told them that he wanted to get out in order to attend the Writers Conference in Moscow. They then shipped him to a sanitarium outside Moscow and he remained there for two months. He stated that he never did get to attend the Writers Conference. He said that while in the sanitarium, he was visited by ALEKSEI GRECHUKHIN and NIKOLAI MOSTOVETS, of the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPSU, and by various persons engaged in publishing in Russia.

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TRACHTENBERG stated that just before he left Russia, he met with MOSTOVETS, GRECHUKHIN, and BORIS PONOMAREV, Head of the International Department of the Central Committee of the CPSU. He stated that the CPSU wants all documents published by the Communist Party - USA in connection with the 17th National Convention, including the first drafts of all resolutions.

TRACHTENBERG said that he was treated well while he was in Russia. He said that upon his return to the United States, he was examined by physicians here. They told him that the Russians had made an excellent diagnosis of his illness, but that the treatment they gave him is outmoded in the United States. TRACHTENBERG still limps as a result of his attack.

BEATRICE VAN SLYKE

TRACHTENBERG stated that he had seen BEATRICE VAN SLYKE, granddaughter of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. He stated that ALEKSEI GRECHUKHIN was with him at the time. Since it was known that she does not want to see anyone, the following plan was devised. She is given a pension through the International Red Cross. A message was given to the person in the Red Cross office who sees her and gives the pension to her. In this message, TRACHTENBERG identified himself as an old friend of the family who was currently in Moscow. He stated in the message that he would like to take her out to dinner and asked if she would accompany him. Her reply to the message was that she would go out to dinner with him.

As soon as they received this affirmative reply, TRACHTENBERG and GRECHUKHIN rushed over to her apartment building and were able to join her in the elevator as she returned with her package of bottles of alcohol which she purchases as soon as she gets her pension.

TRACHTENBERG stated that he had learned that VAN SLYKE's apartment is not very clean and orderly. In fact, they have duplicate keys to her apartment and a cleaning woman goes into the apartment whenever she leaves it. Further, he had learned that she usually kicks out anyone who enters her apartment. Therefore, when she asked him into her apartment, he told her that he would wait outside while she dressed. She closed the door to the apartment and never came out.

TRACHTENBERG stated that it is possible that she spends all her money for liquor and did not have another dress, and this

was the reason she did not accompany him to dinner. He stated that he had been told that BEATRICE VAN SLYKE has no use for her grandfather, WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, or for her parents. She only speaks well of her grandmother, ESTHER FOSTER, who took care of her for many years.

TRACHTENBERG said that on the day he returned to the United States, he went to see FOSTER. He was surprised to find EUGENE DENNIS at FOSTER's residence when he arrived there.

TRACHTENBERG said that he was held for two hours by United States Customs officials when he returned to the United States, but that they could not find anything in his possession.

International Publishers

It is known that in the past the late WILLIAM WEINER, who was in charge of the reserve fund operation of the Communist Party - USA, could never obtain any details from TRACHTENBERG in regard to the financial set-up of International Publishers in New York. WEINER had stated that TRACHTENBERG always used the excuse that this was a Russian enterprise. TRACHTENBERG thereby inferred that no questions should be asked about it. It is also known that at one time TRACHTENBERG said that he lost \$70,000 when WILLIAM WEINER died. Based on this information, TRACHTENBERG was asked how he fared in his business dealings in Russia. He replied that he did a good business and settled many things. This was the extent of his reply. He was asked if he gave the Russians a written or an oral report. He evaded the question.

However, in regard to International Publishers, TRACHTENBERG stated that "old man HELLER" owned stock in International Publishers. HELLER was at one time an outstanding member of the Communist Party - USA. He lived at Croton-on-Hudson in New York and currently resides in Florida. He left the Communist Party - USA at the time EARL BROWDER was removed from the leadership. TRACHTENBERG said that within the last two or three years, HELLER sold his stock in International Publishers to him.

Four Continent Book Store

TRACHTENBERG stated that the Russians wanted to take the Four Continent Book Store away from MARKOFF (ph). TRACHTENBERG said that he defended MARKOFF. TRACHTENBERG complained that the Russians are so anxious to get literature accounts, that they make sales without checking the credit rating of the purchasers.

When the purchaser fails to pay, the Russians charge the bill to the accounts of their established agencies.

TRACHTENBERG stated that he got nowhere in trying to straighten this out. He stated that when he attempted to discuss this matter, he learned that the head of the distributing agency and a couple of his assistants were on their way to the United States. He raised the problem with someone in the Central Committee of the CPSU, but was told that the persons who could help him were travelling to the United States.

TRACHTENBERG complained that the Russians just print volume after volume without regard to the potential market. As a result, they have floor after floor loaded with publications which are not being distributed.

Imported Publications and Products

TRACHTENBERG said that he was also unable to get the Russians to do anything about MARGARET COWL's complaint that she, too, was being held responsible for publications which the Russians shipped to purchasers who were poor financial risks.

Message TRACHTENBERG Wanted Delivered to the CPSU

TRACHTENBERG said that he was going to ask MORRIS CHILDS to send a message to Russia for him. When TRACHTENBERG was asked if he could not personally send a message to the CPSU, he replied, They left it to me to stay in contact or not. He also stated that CHILDS might be able to get the message to the CPSU faster than he could.

TRACHTENBERG stated that since he had to return to the United States by boat, the Russians told him that they would book passage for him in London from England to the United States. He stated that the amount involved was over \$600. When he arrived in London, he went to the travel agency and found that not only had his travel arrangements been made by the Russians, but that they had also paid for his transportation. He said that he was embarrassed because of possible legal complications.

The written message from TRACHTENBERG was addressed to the Foreign Literature Publishers in Moscow. In this message, TRACHTENBERG expressed thanks for the way he was received in Russia. He expressed surprise that his ticket from England to the

United States was paid for, since he had expected that only reservations would be made for him in London. Therefore, he was suggesting that the amount of the fare be deducted from some accounts due to him for publication in Russia of works of American authors. He also ordered copies of a multiple volume world history in this message.

TRACHTENBERG said that he would give CHILDS some oral messages to accompany this written message. Orally, he would order some copies of the latest revised history of the CPSU. Further, that the Central Committee of the CPSU should be told that his written message is just for the record. He does not mean what he says in the written message. Actually, he should have been given the money for his return trip and his passage should not have been paid for. If they are baffled by his written message, this is the explanation for it.

WILLIAM WEINSTONE

TRACHTENBERG was asked if he had seen WILLIAM WEINSTONE in Russia. He replied that he had seen him in a sanitarium near Moscow.

COMMENTS OF CG 5824-S*

It is believed that in all probability, ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG did not give EUGENE DENNIS any details regarding his transactions in Russia in regard to International Publishers. It is further believed that PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, will insist that TRACHTENBERG, because of his advanced age and physical condition, give the Communist Party - USA details concerning the financial status and the operations of International Publishers. BART will undoubtedly discuss this matter with DENNIS. It may become necessary for the Communist Party - USA to get an order from the CPSU to TRACHTENBERG instructing him to discuss International Publishers with the Communist Party - USA.

In the event of the death of ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, the most likely successor in International Publishers is JAMES ALLEN.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33729)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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DATE: 8/26/59

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- 5 - New York (REGISTERED)
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 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-9369) (TED BASSETT)
 - (1 - 100-111666) (JACK SHULMAN)
 - (1 - 100-67234) (RUTH SHULMAN)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)

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August 21, 1959

PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated on August 18, 1959, that JACK and RUTH SHULMAN were on a trip to Cuba. BART also stated that TED BASSETT had just returned from Cuba.

According to BART, the resident National Executive Committee of the Communist Party - USA was scheduled to meet on Tuesday, August 18, 1959, to hear a report from TED BASSETT; however, since GUS HALL was late in returning to New York City from Cleveland, this meeting was postponed until Wednesday, August 19, 1959.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 8/26/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

SUBJECT: PHILLIP BART
IS-C

On 8/3/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place in the apartment at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. The source advised that the subject mentioned to his wife that he was going out that evening to visit ABNER GREEN in the hospital. He said that GREEN is to be operated on Wednesday for a tumor on the brain. CONNIE asked the subject when they had found this out and he commented that he did not know.

The source said that later the subject said that with everyone on vacation at CP Headquarters he has been unable to do anything. CONNIE asked if anyone had heard from JIM JACKSON and he said not a word.

PHILLIP commented that he did not know what would happen when JACKSON returned and read his resolution which is in its printed form. He said that JACKSON would probably raise the roof.

1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1 - New York (100-14691) (ABNER GREEN) (411)
1 - New York (100-56579)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) (415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 8/26/59

On 7/29/59, [] advised SA JOHN A. HAAG of NYO and SA VINCENT E. MURPHY of Newark that a conference was held at CP, USA Headquarters, NYC, on [] The purpose of this conference was to discuss the current strike in the steel industry. (Location NY [])

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1 - Baltimore (100-12076) (GEORGE MEYERS) (RM)
1 - Boston (100-) (HOMER CHASE) (RM)

1 - Butte (100-5350) (JOHN HELLMAN) (RM)
4 - Chicago (100-12459) (FLO HALL) (RM)
(1-100-24729) (EMMANUEL BLUM)
(1-61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
(1-100-2748) (SAM KUSHNER)

2 - Cleveland (100-) (GUS HALL) (RM)
(1-65-721) (ANTON KRCHMAREK)
(100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (RM)

1 - Detroit [] (RM)
2 - Newark (1-100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY)
(100-95895) (TOM NABRIED) (RM)

1 - Philadelphia (65-1242) (MICKEY LIMA) (RM)
1 - San Francisco (100-127) (BURT NELSON) (RM)
1 - Seattle (INV) (41)

1 - NY [] (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
1 - NY 100-129629 (BEN DAVIS) (416)
1 - NY 100-23825 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-16021 (PHIL BART) (422)
1 - NY 100-56579 (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1 - NY 100-48033 (HY LUMER) (415)
1 - NY 100-105078 (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1 - NY 100-18065 []
1 - NY 100-91330 (GEORGE MORRIS) (423)
1 - NY 100-87507 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-84275 (MILTON ROSEN) (416)
1 - NY 100-118174 (415)
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Those present were:

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EMMANUEL BLUM
BEN DAVIS
FLO HALL
GUS HALL
JOHN HELLMAN
ARNOLD JOHNSON
PHIL BART
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
ANTON KRCHMAREK
SAM KUSHNER
MICKEY LIMA
GEORGE MEYERS

BURT NELSON
IRVING POTASH
MILT ROSEN
HY LUMER
JACK STACHEL
PAT TOOHEY
CARL WINTER
HOMER CHASE

GEORGE MORRIS
TOM NABRIED
WILLIAM PATTERSON

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-89691)

8/27/59

SA DONALD E. HARTNETT

CP, USA - DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION
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On 8/17/59, NY 2318-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised ARNOLD JOHNSON contacted ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN to tell her that the scheduled meeting (concerning amnesty matters) was postponed until Wednesday. ELIZABETH told ARNOLD that they are now building up for an amnesty campaign rather than a parole campaign and that she would discuss new aspects with him at the meeting Wednesday.

On that same date, ELIZABETH contacted ERIC BERT to tell him that she would be unable to write her column (in "The Worker") for next week because she is too busy working on a pamphlet (concerning the history of the CP, USA). She told BERT that she would have an article for him for Labor Day.

On that same date, PHIL BART contacted ELIZABETH who advised him that she had received a call from EDNA WINSTON who had told her that her husband, HENRY WINSTON, does not want to apply for parole again but would prefer those working in his behalf to concentrate on an amnesty campaign. She also told BART that BOB THOMPSON feels the same way but that they will have to find out what his thoughts are on the whole matter.

During the evening of that same date, NY 2379-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised ELIZABETH mentioned to her sister KATHY FLYNN that she didn't

- 1- New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-25623) (ERIC BERT) (415)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-78589) (EDNA WINSTON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-269) (HENRY WINSTON)
- 1- New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-68111) (KATHY FLYNN) (424)
- 1- New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM E. FOSTER) (415)
- 1- New York (100-0) (JANE, LNU) (423)
- 1- New York (100-89691)

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think ERIC BERT took too kindly to her missing her weekly column but she simply has to devote all her time to her pamphlet. She said that in her opinion, this pamphlet will represent a true picture of the highlights of the Party over a 40 year period. She said it would give a truer picture of the Party than BILL (FOSTER's) book which, according to her, is a "conceited piece of work" which says that the United States would still be living in the dark ages except for the influence and work of the Party.

ELIZABETH and KATHY then went on to discuss JANE (LNU), a Negro girl who has recently or is presently in a hospital or some institution. ELIZABETH said that she does not trust JANE and wouldn't be surprised if she isn't double-crossing them. She said that this JANE has been having a white man visit her secretly but that ELIZABETH can't complain about it for fear that she would be accused of white chauvinism.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128814)

DATE: 8/27/59

FROM : SA JOHN G. LANGTRY

SUBJECT: CP, USA NEW YORK DISTRICT
ORGANIZATION
IS-CIdentity of Informant
ReliabilityNY 2358-S*
who has furnished reliable
information in the past.
6/29/59

Date

According to NY 2358-S* on 6/29/59, a meeting of the state board of the CP, USA, NYD, took place on that date in the second floor board room at CP Headquarters, 23 W. 26th St., NYC. BEN DAVIS functioned as chairman of this meeting which was attended by MILT ROSEN, [REDACTED]

1- New York (100-23825) (BENJAMIN J. DAVIS JR.) (416)
1- New York (100-117184) (MILTON ROSEN) (416)
(1) New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1- New York (100-64187) [REDACTED] (425)
1- New York (100-93665) (MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER) (421)
1- New York (100-50094) (DANIEL RUBEL) (422)
1- New York (100-54555) (EVELYN WIENER) (424)
1- New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
1- New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
1- New York (100-10113) (LENNIE LEVENSON) (414)
1- New York (100-128814) (416)

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MIMI FRIEDLANDER, DANNY RUBEL, EVELYN WIENER, WILLIAM PATTERSON, LENNIE LEVENSON, and from the National Office of the CP, USA, PHIL BART.

BEN DAVIS stated that the purpose of this meeting was to continue a discussion on BILL ALBERTSON's report on the status of the party organization which had previously been given by ALBERTSON at the state board meeting on 6/22/59.

BEN DAVIS stated that in his report, ALBERTSON mentioned that the growth of party membership had stopped, DAVIS stated that he disagreed with ALBERTSON on this statement. He stated it was his belief that the growth of party membership had only been slowed down and this had been brought about by the revisionist forces. According to DAVIS the party had been unable to find a way to reestablish itself in a vanguard role. Although he considered ALBERTSON's report to be very useful he stated that it did not show how the party could remedy the situation.

DAVIS stated that a weakness of the party's growth was brought about by the structure of the party itself. That where there had previously been 25,000 members in the party there were now only 2,000 members, however, the structural organization had remained the same. DAVIS proposed that there be a cutdown in the leadership apparatus of the party and that the county organization should be done away with. He criticized the state leadership in that they did not know what the "clubs" were doing and it was his opinion that the "clubs" were the center of the party's activities. DAVIS advocated that the state leadership should become better acquainted with the clubs and their organizers and to know more about their activities.

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DAVIS suggested that there be formed a greater NYC wide council whereby the leadership could be in direct contact with the clubs and that there could be an interchange of ideas with the counties ^{on} a citywide basis. It was his opinion that citywide civic meetings could be held four times a year. DAVIS also proposed that the state leaders of the party would be responsible for a section of the party or a particular club. By this he stated, a new relationship would be established between the state leadership and the membership and each would recognize the problems of the others.

MILT ROSEN then spoke on the ALBERTSON report and stated that the present leadership was not close to the masses. He advocated the closing of the building wherein are located the state CP offices and he would open eight to ten offices in "the areas of the masses". This according to ROSEN would save funds, and bring about closer ties with the people. ROSEN also agreed with DAVIS to the elimination of inter party leaders and a stripdown of the organizational structure of the party and the development of work in key industrial areas.

The informant advised that a general discussion period followed wherein those present discussed the ideas set forth by DAVIS in regard to the ALBERTSON report. DAVIS summarized the proceedings of the evening and stated that some way must be found to reach the membership of the party and to bring them into contact with the leadership. He stated that these matters should be out of the way prior to any pre-convention discussions to be held in the near future.

Informant advised that no formal action was taken on the discussion.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-102)

DATE: 8/27/59

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-34108)

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
FUNDS (RESERVE FUNDS)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE BUREAU HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED THAT COPIES OF REPORTS ON THE RESERVE FUNDS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY - USA HAVE NOT BEEN DISSEMINATED DUE TO THE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE NATURE OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED AND OF THE SOURCES INVOLVED.

Re Chicago letter dated May 17, 1959, containing information received from CG 5824-S* concerning a plan of a group of New York attorneys, headed by ARTHUR KINOY, to establish a bureau to organize tours to the Soviet Union.

CG 5824-S*, on August 21, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on August 24, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 5 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-128861) (CP-USA, Funds) (Reserve Funds)
 - (1 - 100-86624) (CP-USA, International Relations)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-47632) [REDACTED] b6
 - (1 - 100-118562) (ARTHUR KINOY) b7C
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)

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During the week of August 16, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated that [redacted] is presently in the Soviet Union and that, while there, she will approach the Russians in regard to the proposed tourist agency of the KINOY group. b6 b7C

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-1696)

DATE: 8/27/59

FROM: SA DONALD E. HARTNETT

SUBJECT: ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
IS-C; ISA-50

On 8/5/59, NY 2379-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was discussing with her sister, KATHY FLYNN, NIXON's recent trip to Russia. She thinks that NIXON's approach and control was marvelous and that no one else in the Republican Party could have "pulled it off". ELIZABETH then went on to tell KATHY that what the CP is lacking are new faces, with a different approach that would appeal to the masses. She also mentioned that she has to get started on a pamphlet she promised she would get out for BETTY (GANNETT) and HY (LUMER) (Wonders of the Atomic Age). She then complained that her work with the parole campaigns, various writings, and meetings have prevented her from doing too much work on her new book which to her represents an important phase of her life.

On 8/6/59, NY 2318-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised PHIL BART contacted ELIZABETH to inquire why she was not attending a meeting going on at CP Headquarters. ELIZABETH replied that she was not feeling well and was totally exhausted from working on her writings.

1- New York (100-68111) (KATHY FLYNN) (424)
1- New York (100-80641) (CP, USA-ORGANIZATION) (415)
1- New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER) (415)
1- New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (422)
1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (422)
1- New York (100-9137) (MURIEL SYMINGTON) (422)
1- New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
1- New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
1- New York (100-54965) (JOHN ABT) (425)
1- New York (100-68063) (CLARA BODIAN) (424)
1- New York (100-) (JOHN MASSO)
1- New York (100-1696) (415)

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On that same date informant advised MURIEL SYMINGTON contacted ELIZABETH to advise that she is writing a letter to the "New York Post" protesting the bill which has passed the House of Representatives, which would give the FBI the power to hold a person incommunicado after an arrest.

On that same date, NY 2379-S* advised ELIZABETH told KATHY that she just could not sit in at another meeting at CP Headquarters that day. She said "let them worry about the resolution", but she did not feel bad about not being able to go over the amnesty petitions with ARNOLD JOHNSON and HY LUMER. ELIZABETH then said that the people want a third party, but she does not think they will accept the CP as such, but might accept some form of a Socialist Party. She expressed her dissatisfaction with the way GENE DENNIS is guiding the Party, but thinks that she will still remain loyal to him. She later told KATHY that the big argument against the CP has always been that it is too friendly with Soviet Russia, but that now all the government people are trying to be more friendly with Russia than the CP.

On 8/7/59, NY 2318-S* advised PHIL BART and ELIZABETH discussed the amnesty petitions and the fact that JOHN ABT wants to have them Photostated so he can show them to the people who are involved with them. PHIL mentioned that they had continued their work on the resolution which is much improved and that it is now in the "lap of the gods." ELIZABETH told PHIL that she has tried to rewrite the preamble to the CP constitution but that it has been very difficult to do so. PHIL mentioned that they have time to draw up any changes in the constitution. PHIL and ELIZABETH also discussed the report being prepared on the McCARRAN Act and the fact that ELIZABETH will have to wait until ARNOLD JOHNSON returns from his present trip before they can get together. ELIZABETH said that the main thing about the McCARRAN thing is to continue to pay the lawyers, but that there should be a campaign to raise funds for such expenses. She asked PHIL whether they still owed the lawyers, to which PHIL replied that the bill is growing, but they managed to pay a good part of it this

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week as a result of a contribution which was given to PHIL in the form of a check made out to him. ELIZABETH cautioned PHIL not to let PETTIS PERRY talk him into paying the California deal (Attorney General JOHN McTERNAN Bill). PHIL indicated that he would not allow this to happen.

On that same day, NY 2379-S* advised ELIZABETH told KATHY that since the death of JOHN FOSTER DULLES, American foreign policy has experienced a great change for the better noting that it is now in the hands of younger men like NIXON and HERTER. She said that what the Party needs is to put in the hands of younger men the necessary leadership and sweep out all the "old fogies". She said what is needed are young men with imagination and energy, who would have a new perspective. She said the Party is at least 20 years behind the times and that as much as she likes GENE DENNIS he is a sick man and does not have the energy and vigorous drive needed to lead the Party. She added that as long as they are content to be led by "these old sacred cows" and deny youth its place in the Party, the Party will lag behind.

On 8/8/59, NY 2318-S* advised ELIZABETH and KATHY went out for the evening with CLARA BODIAN and her husband, JOHN MASSO.

Following their return home during the early morning hours of 8/9/59, NY 2379-S* advised ELIZABETH told KATHY that JOHN (MASSO) is very obnoxious and that she cannot stand his arguments any more. She said "Can you imagine calling us a bunch of BENEDICT ARNOLDS? You would think his parents came over on the Mayflower and he was JACK ARMSTRONG, the all American boy." ELIZABETH said she does not know how CLARA can stand JOHN some times.

During the afternoon of 8/9/59, informant advised HY LUMER visited the FLYNN apartment, but the informant was unable to gather the details of the ensuing conversation. Following his departure, ELIZABETH mentioned to KATHY that HY did not do her any good at all.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM * * UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-81)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33729)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 8/28/59

Re Chicago teletype dated August 7, 1959; and re Chicago airtels dated August 8 and 13, 1959, containing information from CG 5824-S* concerning the obtaining of information by ARNOLD JOHNSON on various cities in the United States for the purpose of briefing NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV prior to his visit to the United States.

UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on August 21, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on August 24, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- ⑬ - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-86624) (CP-USA, International Relations)
 - (1 - 100-74560) (CP-USA, Funds)
 - (1 - 100-) (International Publishers)
 - (1 - 100-7518) (National Council of American-Soviet Friendship)
 - ① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-20128) (ALEXANDER BITTELMAN)
 - (1 - 100-64061) (JACK CHILDS)
 - (1 - 100-26776) (CHARLES DIRBA)
 - (1 - 100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
 - (1 - 100-18056) (JACOB MINDEL)
 - (1 - 100-95097) (BORIS SKLAR)
 - (1 - 100-50874) (JESSICA SMITH)
 - (1 - 100-21421) (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)

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During the week of August 16, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated that the request to obtain information on various cities in the United States which might be visited by NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV was transmitted in the following manner:

The Russians made the request of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship in New York City. JESSICA SMITH relayed the request to ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG. TRACHTENBERG relayed it to PHIL BART. PHIL BART gave the assignment to ARNOLD JOHNSON. BART stated that he had borrowed \$500 from JACK CHILDS in order to send JOHNSON on a cross-country trip to obtain the desired information. BART said that TRACHTENBERG is supposed to get the \$500 from the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship and give it to BART.

BART complained about the financial situation in the National Office of the Communist Party - USA. He said that the fund drive is not going well and that the financial situation is serious. BART commented that he did not know what could be done in this regard. By way of comment, BART is obviously not aware of any details in regard to the reserve funds. BART complained that the National Office is still paying out monthly sums to individuals on almost a pension basis. In this connection, he only mentioned ALEXANDER BITTELMAN and JACOB MINDEL.

BART also complained that the Russians asked too many people to obtain information on cities in the United States in preparation for the visit of KHRUSHCHEV. BART said that someone had talked to BORIS SKLAR, so he started gathering information. Someone had also talked to CHARLIE DIRBA, so DIRBA was around asking for information. BART said that when the Russians talked to so many people, they created problems for the Communist Party - USA.

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SA DAVID RYAN (41)

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On 8/26/59, NY 694- , who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal), orally advised SA DAVID RYAN that informant, on the same date, had conferred with JAMES E. JACKSON, JR.

JACKSON advised NY 694-S* that he did not contemplate any long trips or travel between now and the date of the 17th National Convention, CP, USA in December, 1959.

JACKSON advised the informant that at the meeting of the Resident Board of the NEC, CP, USA, held at CP National Headquarters on 8/25/59, that he, JACKSON, had reopened the question of the feasibility of holding the CP National Convention at the Hotel Theresa in the Harlem area of NYC. JACKSON stated that he advised the Resident Board that he objects strongly to having the Theresa as a convention site because it is centrally located in a Negro neighborhood where there are strong racial tensions. JACKSON said he advised the Resident Board that if the CP Convention is held at the Hotel Theresa, anti-Communist Negro leaders and others, including the FBI, will accuse the CP of attempting to agitate and stir up trouble among the Negro population. He said such Negro leaders as RANDOLPH will accuse the CP of a provocation and state the CP is attempting to add fuel to the fires of racial tension. JACKSON said he made a motion that the convention be held elsewhere.

1 - NY 134-91	(Inv.) (415)
1 - NY 100-57211	(CP, USA-Factionalism) (415)
1 - NY 100-18785	(JAMES JACKSON) (415)
① - NY 100-56579	(PHIL BART) (415)
1 - NY 100-23825	(BENJAMIN J. DAVIS) (416)
1 - NY 100-80641	(415)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 8/31/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-CIdentity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 7/27/59

NY 1749-S* advised that on 7/27/59, [redacted] contacted PHIL BART and asked to speak with CONNIE (BART) who was not at home. [redacted] asked BART to have CONNIE call her tomorrow night (7/28/59) but BART stated that "I don't think she'll be home tomorrow evening. She's going out directly from work, I believe". [redacted] told BART to "just leave word that I would like her to get in touch with me if she can". [redacted] left her telephone number as Buckminster 7-6176.

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 9/1/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-CIdentity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 8/17/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 8/17/59, PHIL (BART) contacted EDNA (WINSTON) and asked how she found (HENRY) WINSTON. EDNA said he was sick but is much better now. She told PHIL that she got the stuff he sent her. PHIL said they will have to get together - possibly next week. EDNA said she is going on vacation the 23rd up to Briel's. PHIL said that he would try to get her a ride up with BILL's (FOSTER) driver that the regular guy JACK (SHULMAN) is on vacation but will contact the guy who is replacing him.

- 1- New York (100-78589) (EDNA WINSTON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-111666) (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (415)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 9/1/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date: 8/17/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 8/17/59, PHIL (BART) contacted ELIZABETH (GURLEY FLYNN) and told her that they changed the date from tomorrow to Wednesday (8/19/59). ELIZABETH said that ARNOLD (JOHNSON) had already told her. ELIZABETH said she's working like a Trojan on this pamphlet, that "he" gave her a deadline for the 26th on the pamphlet. PHIL commented that ELIZABETH had a "whip"; but both agreed that they don't know any other way of working it without deadlines. ELIZABETH said she's having trouble "compressing" the pamphlet - it's very, very interesting and she could write a book on it. ELIZABETH and PHIL agree that maybe this pamphlet could be the basis for a book.

ELIZABETH then asked if GENE (DENNIS) was back. PHIL said that he would not be back until the early part of next month, around Labor Day. PHIL said GUS (HALL) was going that day and PHIL expects him back tomorrow.

ELIZABETH said she had a phone call from EDNA (WINSTON) yesterday and she said that HENRY was very grateful and pleased

- 1- New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
- 1- New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
- 1- New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL)
- 1- New York (100-78589) (EDNA WINSTON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-27452) (ROBERT THOMPSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-13472) (GIL GREEN)
- 1- New York (100-269) (HENRY WINSTON)
- 1- New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
- 1- New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (415)

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that "we" had begun to do something, but he thought we could do better, that we can get better names, not that he does not appreciate what we did. ELIZABETH said that EDNA said he (HENRY) does not want to ask for parole again and doesn't think much of making the campaign around parole. ELIZABETH said he seemed to feel that if we concentrated on amnesty and really built it up by Christmas... ELIZABETH said we'd better have a discussion about this - because now BOB (THOMPSON) is going one way, GIL (GREEN) another and HENRY WINSTON is going a third way - and we'll have to do some coordination here. PHIL agreed. ELIZABETH said she had it in mind to draw up a master plan she's been thinking about as soon as she gets this pamphlet out of the way.

PHIL said he spoke to ARNOLD last week about this thing raised in connection with a uniform (meeting) - a round-about discussion and not just each time under pressure for a half an hour. PHIL said they did not get very far with the discussion because of interruptions, but maybe they'd discuss it when ELIZABETH is in sometime. ELIZABETH noted that after Labor Day it'll be only four months to Christmas and if they're really going to do something on amnesty they'll have to move. PHIL said he still thought they should consider the question of parole. ELIZABETH said that apparently guys in prison have an aversion to parole, and that now - when they get turned down they usually ask for clemency and apparently they'd rather concentrate on that. ELIZABETH said that's the way HENRY WINSTON thinking goes on that and maybe he just didn't like the idea of the person we proposed for parole advisor. PHIL said what difference should that make. ELIZABETH did not know; but said when she looked over BILL FOSTER's "History of The Party" and she read all the denunciations of the poor old guy - NORMAN (THOMAS).

ELIZABETH then spoke to CONNIE (BART) and told her about her assignment to write a pamphlet for the 40th Anniversary of the Party. ELIZABETH said she's up to the CIO now - could be a book and she will have to cut. ELIZABETH said she's writing it for the average worker to show this is what we did - sure we made mistakes, but don't forget - this is what we did.

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CPUSA - ILLINOIS DISTRICT-ORGANIZATION
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NY 2010-S* has reported that on 8/24/59, PHIL BART conferred with JIM WEST and WEST was informed by BART that somebody had been obtained for the Illinois District meeting, who can sing folk songs and worker songs, etc. BART said that this person would take what WEST had suggested, namely \$100.00 plus his fare and was willing to go to Chicago. BART added that this person was to appear on their program on Friday night.

Apparently this is a reference to the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the CPUSA, scheduled for Friday, September 25, at Carnegie Hall, NYC.

BART identified this person as WILL FARLEY (his true name is WILBUR S. BROMS). BART said he would send material concerning FARLEY and noted that he has appeared at various concerts. He was also described as a tenor and of the white race. BART said the only thing FARLEY wants to know is whether a piano is available, but would supply his own accompanist. He said FARLEY was agreeable to the idea of singing any program of songs that might be suggested for the evening and he was said to be a good performer.

4 - Chicago (100-18953)(RM)
 (1- 100-) (JIM WEST)
 (1- 61-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY 100-82905 (WILBUR S. BROMS)(422)
1 - NY 101-559 (JESUS COLON)(415)
1 - NY 100-80641 (CPUSA-ORGANIZATION)(415)
1 - NY (65-2977)

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BART mentioned that WEST would not get the four singers about which he had written as they were "hot" and nobody can get them.

This information appeared to meet with WEST'S approval but he pointed out that there was room for him to consult further and he said he would advise BART by mail.

To this BART responded that as soon as he heard from WEST he would forward biographical material that plays up FARLEY. BART noted that FARLEY is just breaking in, but is not some minor figure.

WEST then inquired as to whether in case of a favorable decision FARLEY should be addressed directly in order to fit him into the program.

To this BART replied that it would be better to write to the CP National Office as FARLEY is not always home, but they would be in touch with him. BART mentioned that he expected to see FARLEY either late that afternoon or the next day.

Next, WEST asked whether the tapes were coming through (apparently a reference to tapes of remarks by Cuban and Canadian CP leaders to be made by a recording to the gathering at Carnegie Hall and in Chicago).

BART said that he had received the tape representing the Cuban recording, but had not received the other. He mentioned at this point that the one who was to play the Cuban recording was to come in the following week. BART also said that he had not as yet received the pictures and had written again for them and as soon as they were received they would be made. He also said he expected to receive the other tape shortly. (The reference to pictures apparently is to a planned exhibition of blow-up photographs at the above-mentioned meeting).

WEST then remarked that when the Chicago group was in New York, JESUS COLON had been asked if he could secure copies of as many CP newspapers throughout the world as possible in order that they might be displayed. COLON, he said, had undertaken to do that and WEST said he had intended to write COLON, but asked BART if it would be possible for him to remind COLON.

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To this BART responded that he would comply with the request, but that it would be good if WEST nevertheless wrote to him.

Upon being asked how the prospect of the Chicago meeting appeared, WEST said it was hard to say then, but a number of people were working on committees. He noted that a leaflet was being put out during the week and some would be sent to BART. However, according to WEST, they had not succeeded in securing non-Party speakers as yet and he was planning to write to BART about that. WEST then asked BART how the New York meeting was shaping up.

In answer, BART said that they had not really gotten anything lined up yet, and they were faced with the same kind of problem. He pointed out, however, that if they did have something lined up, it would not solve the problem for Chicago because the prospective speakers were old and would not speak one night in New York and then fly out to Chicago to speak as they are persons in their 70s or over.

Next, BART pointed out that he had written to WEST about the Midwest conference and WEST responded that the message had been turned over to CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT as he is handling such questions. He said that when LIGHTFOOT gets back he would remind him and ask him to drop a note to BART on the subject.

BART said that he would like to have that done because he wanted to inform those attending a few weeks in advance.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) (415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
IS - C

DATE: 8/31/59

On 7/29/59, [] furnished an oral report to
SAS VINCENT E. MURPHY of Newark and JOHN A. HAAG of NYO con-
cerning the proceedings of the 7/25-26/59 meeting of the
CP, USA National Committee. (Location NY [] (INV).

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This oral report was typed by Typist [] on
8/3-4/59 and was authenticated by informant on 8/5/59.

1 - Baltimore	(100-12076) (GEORGE MEYERS) (RM)
1 - Boston	(100-) (HOMER CHASE) (RM)
2 - Buffalo	(100-11933) (MILT ROSEN) (RM) (1-100- MORTIMER
1 - Butte	(100-5350) (JOHN HELLMAN) (RM) SCHEER)
6 - Chicago	(100-24729) (EMMANUEL BLUM) (RM)
	(1-100-12459) (FLO HALL) (RM)
	(1-100-2748) (SAM KUSHNER) (RM)
	(1-100-18457) (RALPH TURNER) (RM)
	(1-61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (RM)
	(1-100-20289) (JIM WEST) (RM)
2 - Cleveland	(100-) (GUS HALL) (RM)
	(1-65-721) (ANTON KRCHMAREK) (RM)
3 - Detroit	(100-8482) (TOM DENNIS) (RM)
	(1-100-13420) (CARL WINTER) (RM)
	(1-100-945) (NAT GANLEY) (RM)
4 - Los Angeles	(100-4663) (BEN DOBBS) (RM)
	(1-100-52571) (CHARLENE MITCHELL) (RM)
	(1-100-4963) (PETTIS PERRY) (RM)
	(1-100-4486) (DOROTHY HEALEY) (RM)
1 - Milwaukee	(100-11125) (ALAN SHAW) (RM)
1 - Minneapolis	(61-29) (CLARENCE SHARP) (RM)
2 - Newark	[] (RM) b7D
	(1-100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY) (RM)
2 - Philadelphia	(65-1686) (TOM NABRIED) (RM) (1-100- FRED
1 - Richmond	(100-44297) (MARY KALB) (RM) FISHER)
2 - San Francisco	(65-415) (AL RICHMOND) (RM)
	(1-65-1242) (MICKEY LIMA) (RM)
1 - Seattle	(100-127) (BURT NELSON) (RM)

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1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
1 - NY 100-25623 (ERIC BERT) (422)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (422)
1 - NY 101-559 (JESUS COLON) (415)
1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (416)
1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
1 - NY 100-26776 (CHARLIE DIRBA) (425)
1 - NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (415)
1 - NY 100-16021 (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-13473 (SI GERSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER) (415)
1 - NY 100-79025 (MILDRED MC ADORY) (415)
1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415)
1 - NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (415)
1 - NY 100-26018 (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
1 - NY 100-19679 (ISADORE WOFSY) (415)
1 - NY 100-83317 (HOSEA HUDSON) (415)
1 - NY 100-91330 [REDACTED]
1 - NY 100-13203 (GEORGE MORRIS) (423)
1 - NY 100-58535 (CONSTANTINE RADZIE) (416)

1 - NY 100-7918 (PAUL NOVICK) (41)

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The informant stated that the following persons attended this meeting as noted:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
EMMANUEL BLUM
ERIC BERT
PHIL BART
JESUS COLON
BEN DAVIS
EUGENE DENNIS
TOM DENNIS
BEN DOBBS
CHARLES DIRBA
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
BETTY GANNETT
FLO HALL
GUS HALL
DOROTHY HEALEY
JOHN HELLMAN
ARNOLD JOHNSON
CLARENCE SHARP
ALAN SHAW
JACK STACHEL
PAT TOOHEY
ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG
RALPH TURNER
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
JIM WEST
CARL WINTER
ISADORE WOFSY

ANTON KRCHMAREK
SAM KUSHNER
SI GERSON
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT
MICKEY LIMA
HY LUMER
MILDRED MC ADORY
GEORGE MEYERS
CHARLENE MITCHELL
TOM NABRIED
BURT NELSON
STEVE NELSON (1st day only)
WILLIAM PATTERSON
PETTIS PERRY
IRVING POTASH
AL RICHMOND
MILT ROSEN (1st day only)
HOMER CHASE
NAT GANLEY
HOSEA HUDSON (called BILL)

MARY KALB
GEORGE MORRIS
CONSTANTINE RADZIE
FRED FISHER
PAUL NOVICK
MORTIMER SCHEER

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In those instances where a subject spoke or otherwise was notably active at this meeting, a copy of the informant's complete report was disseminated to the subject's case file.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO

FROM : SA JOHN A. HAAG (41)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 9/1/59

1 - Chicago (100-3740) (MORRIS CHILDS) (INFO) (RM)

1 - NY [REDACTED] (INV) (41)

1 - NY 100-1696 (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)

1 - NY 100-129822 [REDACTED]

1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (415)

1 - NY 100-54555 (EVELYN WIENER) (424)

1 - NY 100-50094 [REDACTED] (425)

1 - NY 100-67670 (IDA POSNER) (416)

1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)

1 - NY 101-559 (JESUS COLON) (415)

1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)

1 - NY 100-9756 (SADIE VAN VEEN) (424)

1 - NY 100-21421 (ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG) (415)

1 - NY 100-63934 (JEAN SMITH) (422)

1 - NY 100-8033 [REDACTED] (422)

1 - NY 100-82206 (BILL STANLEY) (425)

1 - NY 100-70281 (JERRY DALY) (416)

1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (422)

1 - NY 100-18065 (JACK STACHEL) (415)

1 - NY 100-60640 (HAROLD COLLINS) (416)

1 - NY 100-81771 (DOROTHY ROBINSON) (425)

1 - NY 100-91330 [REDACTED]

1 - NY 100-134953 (SARAH JAFFE) (41)

1 - NY 100-94429 (SAUL GROSS) (424)

1 - NY 100- (MILT LNU, M, blond, balding, fair, no glasses, 5'10-11", 185-200, sloppy dresser, at CP Hdqtrs. 8/11/59 per [REDACTED])

1 - NY 100- (FNU LNU, M, dark straight hair, no gray, white moustache, dark rimmed glasses, at CP Hdqtrs. 8/11/59 per [REDACTED])

1 - NY 100- (FNU LNU, N, M, about 50, 5'10-11", very thin, kinky hair, graying, very black compl., brownish framed glasses, thick lenses, features very thick about mouth and chin, pug nose, white shirt, dark pants, black shoes, at CP Hdqtrs. 8/11/59 per [REDACTED])

1 - NY 100-80641 (415)

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Identity of Source:	<input type="text"/> who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)
Description of Info:	Activities at CP,USA headquarters, NYC, on 8/11/59
Date received:	8/13/59
Received by:	SA JOHN A. HAAG (written)
Original location:	<input type="text"/>

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A copy of informant's written report follows:

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Aug. 12/59

At C.P. headquarters on Aug_ 11/59 these people were seen.

ELIZABETH G. FLYNN

[REDACTED]
BETTY GANNETT
EVELYN WEINER
[REDACTED]

IDA POSNER
WM. ALBERTSON
JESUS COLON
WM. PATTERSON
SADIE VAN VEEN
MORRIS CHILDS
TRACHTENBERG

JEAN SMITH

[REDACTED]
BILL STANLEY
JERRY DALY
PHIL BART
JACK STACHEL
HAROLD COLLINS
DOROTHY ROBINSON
[REDACTED]

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SARAH JAFFE
SAUL GROSS
MILT ?

Also the man seen on Aug. 10/59. Dark straight hair- no gray-
White mustache. Dark rimmed glasses.

Negro - age about 50. Height 5-10-11. Very thin, Kinky hair,
Graying. Complexion very black. Brownish framed glasses - thick
lenses- Features very thick about the mouth and chin. Pug nose.
White shirt - dark pants - black shoes. Brownish cap.

He sat in the State Office for over an hour and then he was called
into the board room where [REDACTED] EVELYN WEINER and MILT
were talking. He did not stay long and left the floor using the
stairs.

MILT - He has been seen before. Blond - balding. Fair. No
glasses. Height 5-10-11 Weight 185-200. Sloppy dresser. No hat.
Tan pants and white shirt. Tie loosened and hanging crooked.
Shirt opened half way down. He spent over an hour talking to
EVELYN and [REDACTED] until HAROLD COLLINS came from the back rooms
and called him to a meeting that was going on in the back rooms.
HAROLD COLLINS called him MILT.

[REDACTED] complained that the others were not satisfied with her
work. She was almost in tears because BETTY GANNETT had "Jacked
her up" about some work she had had trouble with. She said that

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BETTY had told her that she was not nearly as fast as SYLVIA.
[redacted] had said something unkind also about [redacted] dress
being too tight. [redacted] said that she had just about come to
the conclusion that Communists had as many faults as any one else
did. and she said she did not have to take on SYLVIA's job as
she had had to quit her job to do so.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

9/3/59

SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
IS-C; SA-40
(WEEKLY SUMMARY
8/24-8/30/59)
CINAL

On 8/24/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject's wife, CONNIE, in a conversation with the subject, mentioned that the Kings County CP was planning a surprise birthday party for WILLIAM PATTERSON which would take place on the same evening as the Kings County Committee meeting. She also advised that she expected JIM TORMEY (Kings County CP Organizer) and DANNY RUBEL (Kings County CP Organizational Secretary) to drop by their apartment the following evening.

The subject later told his wife that he had been to see WILLIAM FOSTER and that FOSTER tried to make the visit a sort of org. conference. He said that FOSTER also tried to tell him what type of report must be delivered to the National Convention and that it must indicate that the deterrent to the Party prior to 1956 was MC CARTHYISM and reactionaryism. FOSTER said that after 1956, it was possible for the Party to grow but that this was obstructed by revisionism. BART commented to his wife that this whole theory was a lot of bunk. He said that FOSTER claims the Party is being held back by the right wing.

BART continued that FOSTER had not mentioned GENE DENNIS by name but that he took several digs at him. He said that he and FOSTER talked about the constitution to be presented to the 17th National Convention. He told CONNIE that the Party felt that bringing in a new constitution would lead to endless argument, so it was decided that the old constitution would be presented and opened for changes and amendments and that all of these would be sent to the Constitutional Committee, and that his (BART'S) document would be one of them. BART said that FOSTER

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keeps harping on the fact that any change in the constitution is revisionism and that he will not stand for it. He said that FOSTER insists on not allowing them to say that the CP is a vanguard organization. FOSTER insists on saying that the CP is the vanguard. BART said that FOSTER'S position is just like CARL WINTER'S, who was also against any changes. He said that he told FOSTER that the whole idea was his (BART'S) suggestion and that it had been adopted unanimously. He said that after all, the constitution is secondary and that the main thing is for the convention to adopt a line. He said that he told FOSTER that they could beat the revisionists without a single change in the constitution. He said that if they show up with a new constitution, there would be a big fight and the main issue would be overlooked. BART told his wife that FOSTER did not look too well and that his voice does not sound right. He said that FOSTER recently had an accident in which he hurt his leg and is still having quite a bit of trouble with it. He said that FOSTER showed him his right leg and that it is all shriveled up and thinner than the other. The subject and his wife both then discussed FOSTER'S great will and determination to carry on.

On 8/25/59, NY 1750-S* advised that JIM TORMEY had dropped in to the BARTS' apartment to visit the subject and his wife. During the conversation, CONNIE BART mentioned a surprise party that they were having for WILLIAM PATTERSON on Thursday (8/27/59) and asked if she might be excused from the Kings County Committee meeting that evening. TORMEY told her that it was all right with him as she knew everything that was to be discussed. CONNIE BART then mentioned that she had contacted (ETHEL) EPSTEIN, former Section Organizer who dropped out of the CP, the previous evening and that things looked very good for her coming back into the CP. She mentioned that EPSTEIN had given her money for the CP fund drive.

TORMEY then mentioned that he had recently spoken to MARY LICHT, the daughter-in-law of CLARA LICHT, and that she had been very pleased with his approach.

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He said that it appears that she was now going to come back in and she mentioned a number of others whom she is going to approach to bring back. He said that in order to rebuild the membership in Brooklyn there are a lot of things which have to be done and one of them is to "organize" scouting parties to find others like LICHT, who are ready to listen. He said that the subject had convinced him that very day, that they must establish a line and go out and see these people. He said that once these people see that a line has been set, they will come back or at least will listen.

The subject and TORMEY later discussed the condition of ABNER GREEN and the subject commented that there are more people sick this summer in the CP than there ever has been in the history of the movement. He commented that ISADORE WOFSY'S wife had a heart attack on Sunday early in the morning and had to be taken to the hospital.

They are then joined by DANNY RUBEL, who comments that the CP should move out of their present location as the building is too business-like and has no social facilities. He commented that he had heard of two youths who were interested in the movement and had gone down to headquarters, but were scared away by the atmosphere and ended up at the SWP Headquarters where they have social facilities. He said that CP Headquarters is a very forbidding looking place. He added that it would not be a bad idea if they put a sign at headquarters saying what it was, so that people could find it. The subject commented that if they ever did that, the place would be wrecked every weekend.

PHIL BART then tells them that radio station WNEW is still bothering them looking for a speaker for their program "Six Letters to KHRUSHCHEV." He said that after hearing their last program, he is against anyone speaking. He commented that they have promised 15 minutes of tape to the speaker but that it is probably a trick and the tape will be edited. He said they are presently talking to HY LUMER about the whole thing.

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On 8/26/59, NY 1749-S* advised that the subject's wife had contacted LOUISE PATTERSON, wife of WILLIAM PATTERSON and spoke to her about LOUISE'S arm, which she had broken and which she was still keeping in a cast. They also conversed at length about arrangements to be made for a surprise party to be held for her husband on Thursday.

On 8/26/59, NY 1749-S* advised that the subject contacted his wife and they both spoke about being out that evening. The subject's wife advised that she was going out and attempting to contact a few people, but would be home the rest of the evening. The subject commented that he was going to a meeting that evening and probably would not be home until very late.

On 8/27/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed going away that coming weekend and the subject proposed that they leave Friday evening after work and return on Sunday.

This source has previously furnished information that the subject and his wife were planning to spend a three-day weekend at LeRobinson Inn, at Patterson, New York.

The source also advised that the subject told his wife that he had met LOUIS WEINSTOCK, who told him that he had seen MARY KAUFMAN, and she told him (WEINSTOCK) all about her trip to Russia. Subject said that apparently KAUFMAN was very impressed and was very high in the praise of the factories in Russia, which are in old buildings, but are completely furnished with new machines and equipment. He said that KAUFMAN described it as a "workers' paradise."

On 8/28/59, NY 1749-S* advised that WILLIAM PATTERSON had contacted the subject and they had discussed the idea of having a special person come in and give a lecture on a special field to the meeting held at National Headquarters. ALPHUS (HUNTON) is mentioned as one of these persons and the decision is made by BART that he would approach HUNTON to find out if he is available to speak.

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JIM TORNEY later contacted BART and they discussed the surprise birthday party which was held for WILLIAM PATTERSON. Apparently JIM JACKSON was responsible for bringing PATTERSON to the party, but somehow missed him. PATTERSON apparently did not show up for the party until 11:30 PM and by that time practically everyone had left.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-84275)

9/4/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

WILLIAM PATTERSON
IS-C

Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 8/28/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 8/28/59, (WILLIAM PATTERSON) contacted PHIL (BART), asked if he remembered the sessions they use to have in which they had someone come in who would talk and lecture on --; we had several of them and they stopped. PATTERSON said he was thinking of ALPHAEUS (HUNTON) coming and giving them a talk. BART agreed, but suggested that it be delayed for a week so that more "guys" will be back in town. He said he is definitely for it.

- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-84275) (415)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 9/4/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-CIdentity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 8/3/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 8/3/59, PHIL (BART) contacted FANNY (NOSKIN) at (Sh 3-9614). PHIL said he thinks he is to be at her house tomorrow night. FANNY said she got a call that it will be at PHIL's house next Tuesday. PHIL says he probably was mistaken and it works out for him as he has something else on for tomorrow night. PHIL said he would try to reach some others.

Above phone registered to LOUIS NOSKIN, 2280 Burnett St., Brooklyn, Apt. 5E.

1- New York (100-) (FANNY NOSKIN) (422)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 9/4/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-CIdentity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 8/28/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 8/28/59, JIM (TORMEY) contacted PHIL (BART) and said he had a message that BART called him last night. BART said that he was trying to locate WILLIAM PATTERSON. They spoke about the birthday party they had for PATTERSON and he did not show up there until 11:30 pm. In answer to BART's query, JIM said he had a little session last night. BART said that JIM JACKSON was to get PATTERSON after work but he missed him. BART said that both Negro and white were there. BART said that he was calling around and was going to call BETTY and was thinking of going to Brighton (to locate PATTERSON).

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SAC (100-40467)

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SA HARRY C. BELK

[REDACTED]
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On 8/18/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA HARRY C. BELK of the following. This information was dictated on 8/19/59 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [REDACTED] on 8/19/59, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 8/21/59. It is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Philadelphia, Pa.
8/18/59

"On [REDACTED] was overheard discussing [REDACTED] eyesight with [REDACTED] is gradually going blind and does not have any money to pay for an operation. [REDACTED] indicated he would see PHIL BART and see if he could make arrangements for a Dr. JULIUS (LNU) to perform the operation free of charge. If this Doctor is unable to help, then [REDACTED] indicated that Dr. JULIUS knows someone else who will perform the operation free of charge."

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1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)

5 - Philadelphia
1 - 100-40467
1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART)
1 - 100-28841 [REDACTED]
1 - 65-1686 [REDACTED]
1 - [REDACTED]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-1502-5969)

FROM: SA JEREMIAH W. DOYLE

SUBJECT: CPEPD - INDUSTRIAL SECTION
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DATE: 8/31/59

On 8/14/59, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally furnished the following information to SAs JEREMIAH W. DOYLE and HARRY C. BELK. This information was dictated into statement form on 8/19/59, transcribed by Stenographer [] on 8/19/59, and read and initialed by the informant on 8/21/59. It is maintained in []

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- 12 New York (100-56579 - PHIL BART) (Registered Mail)
- 29- Philadelphia (1 - 100-1502-5969)
- (1 - 100-22157 - PHIL BART) (1 - 100-19266 - HANS BOETTCHER)
 - (1 - 100-40670 - WILLIAM CAMP)
 - (1 - 100-2427 - DAVID DAVIS)
 - (1 - 100-31018 - EUGENE DENNIS)
 - (1 - 100-25044 - CLARA FISHER)
 - (1 - 100-1045 - FRANK FISHER)
 - (1 - 100-33687 - JOHN GATES)
 - (1 - 100-5205 - FRANK HILL)
 - (1 - 100-93 - AL KATZ)
 - (1 - 100-31147 - [])
 - (1 - 65-1686 - THOMAS NABRIED)
 - (1 - 100-34271 - [])
 - (1 - 100-4957 - PHILIP SABA) (1 - 100-33122 - HERSEL SANDLER)
 - (1 - 100-25081 - [])
 - (1 - 100-40449 - [])
 - (1 - 100-3581 - ABE SOKOLOV)
 - (1 - 100-23232 - AL STEELE)
 - (1 - 100-18827 - MICHAEL TYSON)
 - (1 - 100-33636 - CPUSA - DOMESTIC ADMINIS. ISSUES)
 - (1 - 100-30295 - CPUSA - FUNDS) (1 - 100-33150 - CPUSA - FACTIONALISM)
 - (1 - 100-31723 - CPUSA - ORGANIZATION)
 - (1 - 100-1502-6156 - LOWER BUCKS COUNTY SECTION)
 - (1 - 100-36872 - BROTHERHOOD OF PAINTERS, DECORATORS & PAPERHANGERS)
 - (1 - 100-4842 - THE WORKER)
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"Philadelphia, Pa.
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"On the evening of [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] Philadelphia, Pa.

The meeting lasted from approximately 8:50 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.
Those present at the meeting in addition to [redacted]
[redacted]

"At the beginning of the meeting [redacted] announced that
[redacted] and [redacted] other members of the [redacted]
[redacted] had a conflicting CP club meeting and,
consequently, were unable to attend the [redacted]
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"The agenda at the meeting consisted of discussions
on the CP fund drive, the reorganization of the CP, and
pre-convention resolutions.

"In regard to the fund drive, [redacted] that
there had been a very poor response in the CPEPD except
for the Industrial Section. He continued that financial
returns to the fund drive from other sections were miserable.
[redacted] specifically referred to the [redacted] CP
Club, which he said had contributed nothing to the fund drive
and apparently intended to contribute nothing. According
to [redacted] this club consists of five members, and even
[redacted] the [redacted]
[redacted] is opposed to some of the CPEPD policies, and
because of this [redacted] himself intends to turn in at the
most only \$10 to the CP fund drive. [redacted]
[redacted] was very upset over the [redacted]
[redacted] situation and that [redacted] is afraid that [redacted]
has failed to give proper leadership to the members of
[redacted] club. [redacted] did not identify the individual
members of the [redacted]

[redacted] continued that there are vast differences
of opinion among members of community clubs throughout the
CPEPD, and because of this there has been no united response

"to the fund drive. He continued that the only substantial money received during the fund drive was that turned in at the CPEPD sponsored banquet in Philadelphia in early May, 1959, at which EUGENE DENNIS, a national CP functionary, was the principal speaker.

[redacted] that he obtained the above information at recent meetings of the [redacted] and the [redacted] of the CPEPD of which committees [redacted]

At this point [redacted] for figures to date concerning the fund drive in the [redacted] advised that he did not have any specific figures available.

"In regard to the [redacted] stated that although this section has reached its quota in the fund drive, that the section is still collecting money for the fund drive.

"The next item for discussion was reconstruction of the Communist Party.

[redacted] said that there are a number of members of the CPEPD who have not paid CP dues for over a year.

[redacted] said that the [redacted] of which [redacted] has been having considerable trouble. [redacted] is a member of this club, and he said that the membership consists of five individuals, including himself. [redacted] identified [redacted] and [redacted] as two of the members of this club. Including [redacted] this identifies four members of the club, but [redacted] did not identify the 5th member. [redacted] said that only [redacted] and himself attend any meetings of the club and that the other three individuals have not even been reregistered in the CP for the current year. He said that the other three members are evasive, refuse to attend club meetings, and refuse to subscribe to 'The Worker.' [redacted] added that when [redacted] or he attempts to contact the other three by telephone, the wives of these three always answer the phone and claim their husbands are not home.

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[] also mentioned that [] and he suspect [] of being 'hooked up with the FBI.' He continued that the club members do not want to meet with [] and have specifically refused to attend any meetings which might be scheduled at [] home.

"It was decided that [] would try to visit these three members of [] club individually and determine what their individual troubles are in regard to failing to attend club meetings.

[] then said that [] who was a member of the same club in the [] recently quit the CP entirely. [] continued that [] brought up the subject of [] resignation from the CP at a recent [] meeting. She said that [] disagreed with the National Committee, CPUSA, and with the recent policies of the CP (policies not specified), and that [] was a supporter of JOHN GATES. [] said that it was also brought out at the [] meeting that [] was elected to the National Committee, CPUSA, on a national basis and was not elected as a representative of the CPEPD.

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"The members of the [] then discussed whether or not representatives of the [] should contact [] and try to coax him back into the CP. [] said that he felt any attempt to influence [] to return to the CP should be done by members of the []. It was finally agreed by those present at the [] meeting that if the [] does nothing toward attempting to persuade [] to return to the CP, then [] who are members of the District Committee, as well as members of the Industrial Section Committee, will personally contact [] on the matter.

[] said that [] is having difficulty with some of its members (unidentified) who have slacked off on paying CP dues. [] continued that the club meeting which [] were attending that same

"evening was very important since its chief purpose was to settle differences existing among the club members.

"A discussion was then held concerning [redacted] current position in the CPEPD. It has been previously brought out that [redacted] feels he has to curtail his activities because of the seriousness of his wife's illness. [redacted] said that he did not really want to resign from the [redacted] but because of his wife's illness, he will have to curtail some of his CP activity. It was finally agreed by members of the [redacted] that [redacted] would attend [redacted] meetings and [redacted] meetings but would no longer attend meetings of his CP club and would be relieved of other CP duties such as regularly checking up on individual CP members. It was also agreed that there would be no more CP meetings at [redacted] residence because of his wife's poor health. It was not clear whether [redacted] will immediately stop attending meetings of his CP club or not.

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[redacted] then discussed his wife's physical condition. He said that he plans to send his wife to the Soviet Union for treatment by Soviet medical doctors who are far superior to the doctors in the United States. [redacted] claimed that he had already made contact in the Soviet Union on this matter and was awaiting a reply from the Soviet Union.

[redacted] gave no details concerning how he made such contact nor did he identify any individuals in the Soviet Union with whom he claimed contact. [redacted] said that it will cost \$735 for his wife to fly to the Soviet Union (He did not say whether this was one way or round trip.), and he added that he can borrow this money from the same source from which he borrowed money last year. [redacted] did not identify this source nor did he indicate how much money he borrowed last year nor the purpose of last year's loan.

[] then mentioned the necessity for pre-convention discussions of various resolutions. It was impossible to have any detailed discussion at this meeting because [] was the only individual who had a copy of the pre-convention resolutions and no one else had had an opportunity to read them.

[] said that among the resolutions are the following:

"If an individual CP member becomes three months behind in his CP dues, he is no longer in good standing.

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"If an individual CP member becomes six months behind in his CP dues, he is out of the Party.

"None of the individuals present at the Section Committee meeting agreed with either of the above resolutions.

"Toward the end of the meeting [] is taking a leave of absence from the CPEPD [] in order to concentrate on Jewish activities because the person who has been handling Jewish activities had a stroke and is seriously sick. [] added that PHIL BART is coming to Philadelphia from New York to work with the [] while [] on Jewish activities.

"Since [] no longer will attend meetings of his CP club, it will be necessary for the CPEPD [] to decide on a successor for [] of the club. [] of this club which is the [] although he usually lets [] at the meetings.

"It was announced that the next meeting of the []

[] mentioned above, has been previously identified by the informant as []

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[redacted] "referred to informant's statement, is believed to be [redacted]

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It is known that the individual, who was handling Jewish activities and suffered a stroke, referred to in informant's statement, is [redacted]

In view of [redacted] poor physical condition, it is not believed she is able to make a trip abroad and no lead is being set out for WFO to check passport records at this time.

SAC (100-1502-6156)

8/31/59

SA HARRY C. BELK

CFEPD - BUCKS COUNTY SECTION

IS - C

On 8/12/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SAs HARRY C. BELK and FORREST P. BURGESS of the following. This information was dictated into statement form on 8/13/59, typed by Stenographer [redacted] on 8/13/59, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 8/21/59. It is maintained in [redacted]

"Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
August 12, 1959

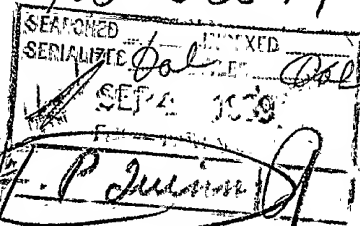
"On [redacted] telephonically contacted [redacted] at his residence, [redacted] Pennsylvania, and made an appointment to see him at his residence on the same day. Following the telephone call, [redacted] visited [redacted] at his residence and was overheard to say that PHIL BART was coming down from [redacted] [redacted] mentioned that he would pick BART up in Trenton, New Jersey, and take him to the club meeting. He invited [redacted] with BART at his residence on [redacted] and to attend later the [redacted] BART would speak."

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The above information was telephonically furnished to SA JAMES FINLEY on 8/12/59 by SA HARRY C. BELK.

- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 5 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - 100-1502-6156
 - 1 - 100-22157 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 65-1686 [redacted]
 - 1 - 100-40449 [redacted]
 - 1 - [redacted]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND

DATE: 9/3/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)

SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
IS - C

Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info Activities at CP, USA, Headquarters NYC, on 8/12/59

Date received 8/19/59 b7D

Received by SAS JOHN A. HAAG, NYO and SA VINCENT E. MURPHY, Newark

Original location [redacted]

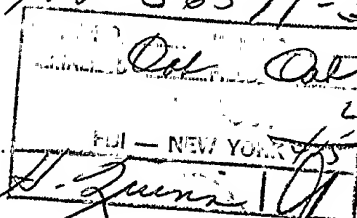
Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info in order to protect the identity of informant.

Information received from informant, as set forth above, was reduced to writing by SA HAAG on 8/21/59, and authenticated by informant on 8/26/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

1 - Cleveland (100-) (GUS HALL) (Info) (RM)
2 - Newark (100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY) (Info) (RM)
(1 - [redacted])
1 - NY [redacted] (Inv) (41) 1 - 105-37245 (KHUVIS) (342) b7D
1 - NY 100-48033 (IRVING POTASH) (415)
1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER) (415)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (422)
1 - NY 100-84994 (GUS HALL) (415)
1 - NY 100-68934 (JEAN SMITH) (422)
1 - NY 100-81771 (DOROTHY ROBINSON) (425)
1 - NY 100-8057 (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)
1 - NY 100-81675 (CP, USA, Pamphlets and Publications) (415)
1 - NY 100-80641 (415)

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At CPUSA Headquarters, N.Y.C. on August 12, 1959, the following persons were seen:

IRVING POTASH

PAT TOOHEY

✓ HY LUMER

PHIL BART

GUS HALL

JEAN SMITH

DOROTHY ROBINSON

POTASH stated that the Party is about to issue 2 leaflets, one on the steel strike and one on the 30-hour week.

LUMER indicated he was preparing a manuscript for Political Affairs.

BART mentioned that WNEW is setting up a round table discussion on the forthcoming KHRUSHCHEV visit. The station called the Party and asked if the CPUSA would care to participate in the discussion or issue a statement.

BART said he could not get an answer because the Party leaders did not want to participate.

BART said that EUGENE DENNIS should do it but has refused as did HALL and LUMER. Apparently they are afraid of questions on Tibet and Hungary.

BART asked if he should call the station refusing their invitation to take part.

HALL suggested that the Party issue a statement to the effect that the CPUSA has nothing new to say and that statements by the CPUSA on the KHRUSHCHEV visit and other questions have been published. This was not finally resolved.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100- 56579) (415)

FROM: SA [REDACTED] b6
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DATE: SEP 4 1959

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM - C

The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

NY 1726-*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/21/57 that effective 4/15/57 the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party would occupy the premises at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

NY 694-S* on 6/5/58 advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58 verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker", an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

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8/21/59

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WILLIAM J. BARRON

8/31/59

[REDACTED]

A log covering the above surveillances is being maintained in NY file 100-4931-Sub O.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-10570)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-3432)

JOHN BART, nee Connie Strauss,
aka Mrs. Phil Bart
SECURITY MATTER - C

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A SOURCE
PLACED INCIDENT.

CG 5804-S*, on September 3, 1959, orally furnished
to SA JOHN R. WEATING the information on the following page.
This oral information was reduced to writing on September 3,
1959;

- 3 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-10570) (JOEL BART)
 - (1 - 100-84005) (LUCIA SCHERER)
 - (1 - 100-8707) (RABBIT SCHERER)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-40)

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September 3, 1959

In a recent communication, CONNIE BART stated that she recently obtained a new job in an office. She said that she is working under her maiden name. She did not indicate the name nor the location of her employer.

CONNIE BART also indicated that she and her husband, PHIL BART, spent some time in the company of LARA and MARION SCHMIDT during the weekend of August 29-30, 1959.

DIRECTOR, (100-3284)

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SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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(WEEKLY SUMMARY 8/31-9/6/59)
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On 8/31/59, NY 1749-S* advised that JACK SHULMAN, chauffeur secretary to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER, had contacted the subject regarding bringing EDNA WINSTON back from her vacation at Briehl's Farm. He advised BART that he was doubtful that he could make the trip to get WINSTON as the car was in "terrible shape" and had to be inspected. He said that in addition to this BILL FOSTER was coming back to New York and that would require a good deal of time. SHULMAN commented that the only car that he knew of that was in shape to make the trip was that belonging to BILL ALBERTSON. They both finally decided that somebody would get WINSTON with ALBERTSON'S car.

On 8/31/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife, CONNIE, discussed a number of matters, among them the fact that GENE DENNIS had not yet returned from his vacation. During the conversation CONNIE BART told the subject that when he saw ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN he should mention to her the matter concerning ALPHEUS (HUNTON).

On 9/1/59, NY 2359-S* advised that the subject had been in attendance on that date at a meeting of CP functionaries which was held in the 3rd floor board room of CP National Headquarters. The agenda for this meeting was informal and various topics were discussed including trade unionism, juvenile delinquency, and the amnesty campaign for WINSTON, GREEN, and THOMPSON.

On 9/1/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife had discussed the above described meeting held on that date at CP Headquarters. The subject was critical of the meeting and said that it was long and drawn out. He claimed that this was caused by a number of participants getting up and saying nothing.

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NY 1749-S* advised on 9/2/59, that the subject had contacted ISADORE WOFSY and during their conversation had questioned him as to his wife's health. WOFSY said that his wife, ROSE, had come home from the hospital and was feeling much better. The subject and WOFSY then made a date to meet the following morning at 10:30 AM away from CP Headquarters.

This source advised that later the subject contacted LOU MOROSE, New Jersey CP functionary, and asked him if it would be all right if he and a few others went over to Jersey on Wednesday as they had heard that there was going to be a meeting. MOROSE said that this would be all right and the subject asked if it were possible for the meeting to be changed to Thursday as more of them could then attend. MOROSE told the subject that he would see what he could do about changing it.

On 9/2/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife discussed GENE DENNIS and his staying away on vacation for such a long period. Subject said that in his opinion DENNIS is very unwise in taking six weeks vacation and subjecting himself to criticism when his position is so weak and he is so unpopular. He said that DENNIS is giving ammunition to the opposition and if a real fight opens up against him he will not be able to stand up under the pressure. He commented that he had heard that day that DENNIS is leaving on Labor Day for three days in New England and that he will return somewhere around the 14th of the month.

CONNIE BART then mentioned that JIM JACKSON had actually taken seven weeks vacation. BART commented that JACKSON is another unpopular person who is jeopardizing his position by that type of thing. He said that both JACKSON and DENNIS should have taken three weeks vacation and taken some more at Christmas.

Subject and his wife then discussed WILLIAM PATTERSON and GEORGE MORRIS and both agreed that they are not like DENNIS and JACKSON, since they are very hard workers.

CONNIE then mentioned the Kings County CP and commented that DANNY RUBEL (Organizational Secretary) considers the Flatbush Club as the best in the county organization. However, she said that Brooklyn is nowhere

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yet near Manhattan in the "insurgent movement." She commented that one of the prime targets of the Kings County CP is the defeat of Congressman DORN from Brooklyn.

Source advised that later in the discussion, the subject's wife commented that the CP is going to have to use people without stature in posts of leadership. She commented that these new people can gain stature as they go along in their jobs.

On 9/4/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife during a discussion commented that they both had a date to see [] ANDY [] the following evening.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

DATE: 9/8/59

FROM: SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

SUBJECT: CP-ORGANIZATION
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On 8/11/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a discussion which took place in the apartment of PHIL and CONNIE BART, 24-15 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Source advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART discussed the appearance of ALEX BITTLEMAN before a meeting of the NEC at CP Headquarters on that date. BART said that BITTLEMAN would like the CP to have a copy of his book to review.

He said that BITTLEMAN and himself have exchanged three or four letters about the matter. He said that the NEC advised that they would not disclose BITTLEMAN'S ideas at this time, but only the reasons why he would not show them the manuscript for the time. He continued that BITTLEMAN, when asked about this, said that he knew no reason for them to read the manuscript. He said that BITTLEMAN said he knew what their attitude was and that they were blocking her attempt to give the CP a "line". He said that he had presented his book to the Liberty Book Club and that they had returned it with the notation that it was not written in a popular style, and was of a political nature.

1- New York (100-12959)	(CONNIE BART) (415)
1- New York (100-56579)	(PHIL BART) (415)
1- New York (100-20128)	(ALEX BITTLEMAN) (414)
1- New York (100-84944)	(GUS HALL) (415)
1- New York (100-27452)	(ROBERT THOMPSON) (415)
1- New York (100-16785)	(JIM JACKSON) (415)
1- New York (100-105078)	(HY LUMER)
1- New York (100-48033)	(IRVING POTASH) (415)
1- New York (100-56)	(M. DAVIDOW) (416)
1- New York (100-50094)	[REDACTED]
1- New York (100-118174)	(MILT ROSEN) (416)
1- New York (100-17923)	(JOHN GATES) (415)
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BART continued that GUS HALL was very sharp with BITTLEMAN and it was very difficult since he has been in the CP for fifty-five years; in Old Russia, United States, and internationally. He commented that you just do not jump such a person, and force him out.

He said that HALL told BITTLEMAN that they should take a look at the book and go over it, and maybe something could come out of it. BART said that POTASH compared BITTLEMAN to JOHN GATES. He said that HALL proposed that a committee of himself, JIM JACKSON and HY LUMER would be formed in order to read the manuscript, and discuss it. BITTLEMAN was going to make the manuscript available at his residence.

He advised that BITTLEMAN said that the difference between he and GATES was that GATES had never given anything to the movement, but that he was giving them a platform to be used by the party in the future.

BART said that BITTLEMAN had also sent letters requesting help for publishing the book to "The Worker", the "Jewish Freiheit" and the "Jewish Life."

BART said that he had spoken to GUS HALL who told him that he had appeared before the NYS CP Board the previous day and had been very pleased with the meeting. He said that HALL told him that the board had not been in opposition to the resolutions which he had presented. HALL also said that almost everyone had attended the meeting and that there were only a couple people absent. BART commented to his wife that actually there were quite a few absent including M. DAVIDOW, ESTHER CANTOR and MILT ROSEN.

Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-1502-6156) DATE: 9/1/59
FROM: SAC, NEWARK (100-15380)
SUBJECT: CP, USA
EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
BUCKS COUNTY SECTION
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Date received 8/13/59	Received from (name or symbol number) [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in the past	Received by SAs JAMES J. FINLEY, PH, and PHILIP F. ENLOW, NK
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(1-100-24481 MORRIS FORER)
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A meeting of the [redacted] was held on [redacted] in [redacted]

Those present were:

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PHIL BART
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Prior to the meeting PHIL BART, [redacted] [redacted] had dinner together at the [redacted] BART inquired concerning the strike situation in the Morristown area. [redacted] related some of the information.

[redacted] informed BART that in the area previously there had been two steel clubs in the beginning. He told BART about the secret member, the losing of membership, and the difference of opinions among the club members. He mentioned that some of them were still arguing about the 16th Convention.

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[redacted] who were instrumental in the SOBEL fight now were in the Levittown, Pa., area. He stated that they had previously been in Philadelphia and before that in Connecticut. [redacted] live in the [redacted] of Levittown, Pa. BART mentioned a man by the name of [redacted] who is a relative of [redacted] who were the main persons responsible for the [redacted] moving into the Levittown, Pa., area.

[redacted] stated that the pamphlet recently published by the National Office supporting the steel workers was sent to [redacted] Steel Workers, and some members of the [redacted] was all for calling the FBI concerning the pamphlet. [redacted] urged that it be read before the committee. [redacted] suggested that the pamphlet be published in the local union paper, and this was voted down by the Executive Committee. BART suggested passing

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leaflets in the area, and [] objected, stating that it would cause a Red hunt and Red baiting in this area. It was decided that at the club meeting BART would make a speech and then throw the floor open for a question-answer period.

BART mentioned that the Party is starting a drive for new membership. He stated that GUS HALL, while on tour in the West, spoke in California before 20 ex-members of the Party. At the end of the meeting, three of these ex-members rejoined the CP.

[] advised that he had been to California and Mexico on his vacation. He stated that they really had a Party in California.

[] the club meeting [] that [] and BART were there because no one would contribute to the fund drive; therefore, he thought it was time for the members to air their grievances in an open meeting. BART discussed the National Convention to be held in December in New York and the 90-day discussion period beforehand. He stated that there is to be a 2-day meeting in New York in September on "Why We Need a Party." He discussed work in other areas, Party work in the UAW, march to Washington, youth march to Washington, Negro work in the North in regard to the coming National Democratic Convention, and pamphlets coming from the National Office on steel.

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[] stated that because of isolation and other causes, the Party had no direction in this area. She stated that people who had left the Party are doing as good work or better as those still in the Party.

[] said that the main reason for the trouble is bureaucracy, blind leadership, and blind following. She said that she considered the leaders to be giving direction when they themselves did not know in what direction to steer or to go.

[] that the Party was not appealing to the laborer in this country; and therefore, it was not effective. He said that some people had illusions, but the Party was not respected. [] got angry and exclaimed that that was not the main reason for coming to the meeting. They were

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giving a wrong impression of what the troubles were. He asked [] why he did not read the Party paper or literature or contribute to the fund drive. [] mentioned that he was "chewed out" for not giving to the drive himself.

[] related that the problem of obtaining the paper had been resolved and that they could pick it up at the drugstore at Trenton every week at 222 Willow Street. He asked who would get "The Worker" and "Political Affairs." [] mentioned that he had [] money.

[] stated that he still would not read the paper or literature on principle and would not give to the fund drive.

[] on the youth march, the youth Socialist unions in Philadelphia, democratic centralism, and the presence of a full-time organizer.

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[] criticized the Party by saying that the Party was a party in name only and was not effective and gave little leadership.

BART stated that he could not answer all of their questions that night but would try to answer some. He stated that the reason that there was a need for the Party was that the CP was stronger than the SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY. The Party is the vanguard, the ones who have ideas based on a science. The aim is to destroy the power of the capitalist monopoly.

BART suggested that there should be another meeting to help solve some of the other questions, but they should first talk among themselves and see what could be worked out.

[] attitude of the discussion was that the change and internal bickering were a waste of time. [] said that before the meeting [] followed the leadership and defended the Party whenever he could.

After the meeting BART, [] and [] stayed for a discussion concerning the steel situation. BART and [] were interested in the support other unions and merchants were giving to the strikers. BART urged []

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to get one or two other men in the union to go to Philadelphia to the Philadelphia Central Labor Union to ask for support in resolutions and financial support. He suggested that they first start locally, then move to Philadelphia, then statewide. A discussion was held as to whether it would be wise to distribute CP literature in this area. BART suggested that it possibly could be handled by someone in Philadelphia. BART stated that the Convention in September in New York is to be held on the 26th and 27th. [] is to arrange for transportation for the members from Philadelphia who will attend. b7D

The next meeting is scheduled to be held after Labor Day.

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Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL RM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO
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5 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)
 (1- 100-3-83)(CPUSA=DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)
 (1- 100-3-81)(CPUSA= INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
1 - NY (100-89691)(CPUSA=DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATION ISSUES)(415)
1 - NY (100-86624)(CPUSA=INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(415)
1 - NY (100-54555) [REDACTED]
1 - NY (100-23825)(BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.)(416) b6
1 - NY (100-16785)(JAMES JACKSON)(415) b7C
1 - NY (100-18065)(JACK STACHEL)(415)
1 - NY (100-91330) [REDACTED]
1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY (100-16021)(ARNOLD JOHNSON)(415)
1 - NY (100-129629)(WILLIAM ALBERTSON)(416)
1 - NY (101-559)(JESUS COLON)(415)
1 - NY (100-13483)(BETTY GANNETT)(416)
1 - NY (100-80641)

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On 9/1/59, NY 2359-S* advised that a meeting of CP functionaries was held in the third floor board room of CP Headquarters, on that date. Among those in attendance were:

BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR.

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JACK STACHEL
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PHIL BART

ARNOLD JOHNSON

WILLIAM ALBERTSON

JESUS COLON

and an individual believed to be BETTY GANNETT

BEN DAVIS was chairman of the meeting.

[REDACTED] gave a brief report on the current juvenile delinquency problem in New York City. In the discussion following her report, JACK STACHEL stated that the labor movement has to "enter this picture," and begin to actively participate in a social way in an effort to cut down juvenile delinquency.

An individual believed to be BETTY GANNETT suggested the possibility of a city-wide conference of labor organizations, Negro peoples' organizations, teachers' youth organizations, and other similar bodies in order to develop a program to cope with the juvenile delinquency problem.

JAMES JACKSON agreed with the trade union movement as a definite role to play in solving this problem.

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WILLIAM ALBERTSON felt that the nature of comic strips now being published, the use of narcotics, and other factors of this type are factors influencing the youth in the wrong direction. ALBERTSON suggested the possibility of the formation of a labor-youth type organization to be made up of sons and daughters of American laboring people which could also include children of those not in the laboring field. He was of the opinion that an organization of this type could set up scheduled activities for youth and thereby keep them out of trouble.

[redacted] said that it would be necessary for the CP to acquire boldness, initiative, and tact in dealing with young people. BEN J. DAVIS, JR. said that the CP must emphasize the issues involved in the juvenile delinquency problem. He felt that the Party should give thought to the establishment of organizations with the status of "semi-government" in an effort to eliminate the hostility of youth toward "authority."

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The discussion then centered on the amnesty campaign on behalf of HENRY WINSTON and GIL GREEN. In connection with this campaign, DAVIS suggested that the Harlem Section of New York City would be a good area for carrying on this campaign and could serve as a center for it in obtaining signatures to petitions. DAVIS then named a Negro woman comrade in the Harlem area who could coordinate this activity. The informant was unable to determine the name of this woman.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN said that a good job was being done on the amnesty campaign in Chicago and that New York has four months to work on it. She concluded "unless we do something, we are going to fall on our faces."

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JESUS COLON then gave a report on Puerto Rico. In his report he traced the political history of the island from the Spanish-American War up to the present time. He said that the CP in this country should try to have a better understanding of the problems of the Puerto Rican people, both in Puerto Rico and in New York.

WILLIAM ALBERTSON said that consideration should be given to sending a leading comrade to Puerto Rico for a two-week period, in order to contact various persons there and discuss their problems with them.

BEN DAVIS proposed that discussion (on the Puerto Rican report) be postponed until a later date. No objection was raised.

Meeting adjourned.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-8261)

FROM : SA ROBERT E. BOWE

SUBJECT: COMINFIL - NAACP
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DATE: 9/2/59

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 8, 1959, orally advised SA ROBERT E. BOWE of a meeting of CP members which occurred on July 6, 1959, in Chicago.

This oral information was written up in narrative report form and subsequently returned to [redacted] for his approval and signature. The signed original narrative report of this information is located in A [redacted]

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It is to be noted that [redacted] referred to in this report has been determined to be [redacted] Field Secretary for CP Negro Matters.

- 1 - Los Angeles (RM)
 - 1-100- (PETTIS PERRY)
- 5 - New York (RM)
 - 1-100- (CONNIE BART)
 - 1-100- (PHIL BART)
 - 1-100-84275 (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON)
 - 1-100- [redacted]
 - 1-100-7629 (COMINFIL - NAACP)
- 5 - Chicago
 - 1-A [redacted]
 - 1-100-21073 (LESTER DAVIS)
 - 1-100-3470 (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - 1-100-22329 [redacted]

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July 8, 1959
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It was learned on July 6, 1959, that there was a meeting between PHIL and CONNIE BART, Communist Party (CP) members from New York, and LESTER DAVIS and MORRIS CHILDS, members of the CP of Illinois, at the CHILDS' residence, on July 6, 1959.

During this meeting there was a discussion on a document received by LESTER DAVIS which was an open letter to the "Golden Jubilee" Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) which had been described as a letter on unity within the NAACP.

BART explained that recently ROY WILKINS, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, had had a full page advertisement in the "New York Times" appealing for unity within the NAACP. The document which DAVIS had received was apparently drawn up by the CP in New York and the Illinois District CP was to attempt to get signatures endorsing this document so that it could be sent to the National Convention of the NAACP scheduled for July 13-19, 1959 in New York.

DAVIS had mentioned that he intended to attend the NAACP National Convention in New York, and BART suggested he contact BILL PATTERSON when he arrives in New York and PATTERSON would give him some orientation towards CP activity in connection with the National Convention. BART also recommended that DAVIS contact [redacted] and told him that [redacted] would be available for a meeting at 10:00 AM in the lobby of the Henry Hudson Hotel, on July 11, 1959. If for any reason [redacted] or DAVIS could not make the meeting at 10:00 AM, they should then meet at 10:00 PM on that same date.

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BART also told DAVIS to get in touch with PETTIS PERRY while in New York and added that he (BART) would also contact him if he were in New York during the Convention.

During the conversation between these four persons, it was mentioned that [redacted] of Chicago is also to attempt to contact [redacted] at either the 10:00 AM or 10:00 PM meetings in the Henry Hudson Hotel.

The rest of the discussion between these individuals consisted only of social conversation.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM , UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-63)
 From : SAC, NEW YORK (100-74560)
 Subject: CP, USA-FUNDS
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Date: 9/3/59

On 8/25/59, NY 2002-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to the NYO data concerning the current payroll of the CP, USA National Office. The following persons were on the National Office payroll as of the week ending 8/21/59, and received gross weekly wages as indicated:

<u>Name of Employee</u>	<u>Gross Weekly Wage</u>
EUGENE DENNIS	\$90.00
PHILIP BART	85.00
GERALD DALY	35.00
WILLIAM Z. FOSTER	90.00
GUS HALL	90.00
JAMES E. JACKSON	90.00
ARNOLD S. JOHNSON	85.00
HY LUMER	90.00
[REDACTED]	90.00
RUTH SHULMAN	75.00
JACK SHULMAN	90.00
WILLIAM STANLEY	85.00

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 1-Cleveland (100-421) (GUS HALL) (RM)
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 1-New York (100-70281) (GERALD DALY) (424)
 1-New York (100-9360) (WILLIAM FOSTER) (415)
 1-New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
 1-New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
 1-New York (100-105078) (HY LUMER)
 1-New York (100-68934) [REDACTED] (422)
 1-New York (100-67234) (RUTH SHULMAN) (425)
 1-New York (100-111666) (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
 1-New York (100-82206) (WILLIAM STANLEY) (425)
 1-New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CHICAGO (100-3740)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-11032)
SUBJECT: MORRIS CHILDS
IS-C

DATE: 9/8/59

On 8/6/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a discussion which took place in the apartment of PHIL and CONNIE BART, 24-15 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn. Source advised that the BARTS discussed various resolutions that PHIL BART was working on in connection with the coming National Convention. CONNIE asked if JIM JACKSON were back from his vacation. He commented that he was not and that no one had heard from him. CONNIE asked if something could not be done about this, and PHIL said that it would be silly to bring him up on charges. He said that when he sees his resolution and the way it is to be changed, he will raise a rumpus.

CONNIE then asked where JACKSON was and PHIL said that no one knows. He said that actually he has been gone for almost the entire period that he has been in the office. He said that he is supposed to be spending some time in the south taking care of business and he was going on vacation.

BART then mentioned that they had scheduled an appearance for ALEX BITTLEMAN at the NEC meeting for the following Tuesday, (8/11/59).

- 2- CHICAGO (61-867) (RM)
- 1- NEW YORK (100-11032) (MORRIS CHILDS)
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- 1- NEW YORK (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON) (415)
- 1- NEW YORK (100-131666) (CP-SOUTHERN REGION)
- 1- NEW YORK (100-20128) (ALEX BITTLEMAN) (414)
- 1- NEW YORK (100-1696) (ELIZABETH FLYNN) (415)
- 1- NEW YORK (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
- 1- NEW YORK (100-545555) (EVIE WEINER) (416)
- 1- NEW YORK (100-93665) (MIRIAN FRIEDLANDER) (421)
- 1- NEW YORK (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)

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He said that his appearance is connected with a book he has written and a letter he wrote to "The Worker" requesting funds for its publication. BART commented that no one expected him to show up, and if he does, everyone will be shocked. He said that everyone feels that BITTLEMAN expressed his opinions on his book, and has used it as an outlet since no one else in the party will listen to him.

CONNIE then asked how ELIZABETH FLYNN was and PHIL answered that apparently she is not feeling too well.

CONNIE mentioned that JIM TORMEY was getting along good in his new job as Organizer. She said that he had presented a very good report to the board meeting the previous evening. PHIL commented that he thought TORMEY would do a very good job. PHIL said that TORMEY has more on the ball than anyone else in New York. CONNIE commented that MIRIAN FRIEDLANDER has never impressed her too much.

Later in the evening BART told his wife that MORRIS' (CHILDS) wife had some tests made and she is doing better than they thought she would. He said that she may be operated on the following week. He also commented that he had talked to CLAUDE (LIGHTFOOT) in Chicago on the phone.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 9/8/59

FROM: SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHILIP BART
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On 8/14/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place in the apartment at 2415 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. The source advised that JIM TORMEY visited the BARTS for dinner in their apartment prior to his and CONNIE BART going to a CP meeting.

During the visit, the BARTS and TORMEY held a long discussion about the Brooklyn CP Organization. TORMEY asked about "ANDY" ONDA and PHILIP said that he is a good guy, but got tied up in leftism. CONNIE

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1 - NY (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
1 - NY (100-6622) (ANDY ONDA) (422)
1 - NY (100-28609) (HAL SIMON) (422)
1 - NY (100-87211) (CP Factionalism) (415)
1 - NY (100-107266) (BILLIE GREEN) (422)
1 - NY (100-269) (HENRY WINSTON) (415)
1 - NY (100-101065) [REDACTED]
1 - NY (100-131643) [REDACTED]
1 - NY (100-67348) (ANN FRIEDLANDER) (422)
1 - NY (100-89039) (CLARA LICHT) (422)
1 - NY (100-65738) (MOLLIE LICHT) (422)
1 - NY (100-9984) (ALBERT BLUMBERG) (425)
1 - NY (100-45328) (DOROTHY BLUMBERG) (425)
1 - NY (100-1696) (ELIZABETH FLYNN) (415)
1 - NY (100-100500) (SAM BARRON) (422)
1 - NY (100-104507) (HARRY BIEDERMAN) (422)
1 - NY (100-50094) [REDACTED]
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1 - NY (100-26603) (CP - Nassau) (414)
1 - NY (100-123187) [REDACTED]

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commented that a lot of people have left the CP, but that the main feature with ANDY and his operation is that it has been a factional anti-Party operation. PHILIP commented that it is exactly what what he talked about. TORMEY asked if ANDY is still in or out and the subject answered that he is formerly in the Party.

BART then mentioned that he had recently been to a meeting that weekend in Levittown, Pa., where the main point on the agenda was the future and its need for the CP. TORMEY commented that they used to have a "den" (ph) in Levittown, NY. He also commented that there is more right wing activity in the Brooklyn area then any where else. He said that HAL SIMON is meeting with a group regularly and that there is another group of 35 who are meeting in a forum, although they are not to active they sort of have the feeling that something is going to happen and they want to stay together. He said that all of these people are out of the CP.

The source advised that TORMEY continued stating that there are more people in the Crown Heights area out of the Party who are meeting than there are in the Party. He said that these groups have been conducting regular meetings. CONNIE BART commented that BILLIE GREEN is directly connected with this type of activity.

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They then all discussed HENRY WINSTON and that he is one of the best persons ever produced by the CP and that he must be disillusioned in jail by the small size of the Party and the split in its ranks. He commented that 'GILL' GREEN was in the same class despite some of his mistakes and that he was never afraid to say things that he thought.

CONNIE then said that she had a discussion with [redacted] about trying to get some women into their section. CONNIE mentioned a [redacted] whose a very fine person. TORMEY commented that they should call all the branch organizers to all meetings of the County Board as it would only mean seven extra people and that they should be brought into all the section organization meetings. He said that this would only mean two extra from Crown Heights, two from Bedford, one from Boro Park and one from Brighton. He said that this would guarantee that the stuff would get right to the club with good presentation. The subject commented that it was good training for the people involved.

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CONNIE then mentioned [redacted] as possibly being useful in their plans. He also mentions ANN (FRIEDLANDER) and CLARA LICHT as being familiar with the Jewish Movement. TORMEY asked her if she is acquainted with MOLLIE LICHT who is a sister-in-law of CLARA LICHT and who has children in high school. He said that he had met her at a meeting and had been introduced to her by ANN. He said that she is very concerned with the people the CP has lost.

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PHILLIP BART then commented that he had seen "Doc" BLUMBERG on two occasions and that BLUMBERG is lost and dying to talk to someone. CONNIE commented that she would like to see DOROTHY ROSE BLUMBERG back in the Party as she always liked her. PHILLIP then advised that DOROTHY BLUMBERG was at CP Headquarters and embraced ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN and others. CONNIE says she thinks she will try to meet DOROTHY for lunch some day.

PHILLIP then mentioned SAM BARRON and they all agreed that he has been scheming for years. CONNIE describes a CP Club in Brooklyn and then (not very clear) where BARRON is in the Party is very provocative. She says no one can figure out how he stays in the CP.

PHILLIP then mentioned that there is a number of persons whom he would like to see contacted; One of them a real young fellow in the neighborhood. She comments that she will try to see them when she has time. JIM and CONNIE both agreed that the meeting they are going to tonight is a very important one. They commented that the only person opposed to TORMEY at the State Board Meeting was [redacted] [redacted] TORMEY says that PAT (WILLIAM PATTERSON) will raise some question about recruits tonight.

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PHILLIP then states that he would like to see HARRY (BIEDERMAN) and his wife (ROSE BIEDERMAN) both back into the CP as they have some very good connections, especially she. CONNIE mentions that the last time she called HARRY, his wife was going to be operated on awhile before calling him. PHILLIP comments that they live on Ocean Avenue.

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TORMEY says that even if he does not come back in right away, we can get him to work with us on some things. The subject comments that he would like to see this because he used to be very close to HARRY. TORMEY said that he will try to see him some time after Labor Day.

The subject then suggested another person who should be seen by the name of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] He said that his wife is a Brooklyn political figure, an old ALP member, etc. However, he understood he is very sick. JIM comments that he did not know [REDACTED] but he did no RAY (PH). They all then discussed the blood illness that this person has and stated their sympathy.

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At approximately 7:53 the conversation ended with TORMEY and CONNIE BART leaving to attend a meeting.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 9/8/59

FROM: SA HAROLD P. QUINN (#415)

SUBJECT: PHILLIP BART
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On 7/30/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a conversation which took place in the apartment at 2415 Newkirk Ave., Brooklyn, NY. The source advised that the subject told his wife, CONNIE, that he had been to a funeral that day for JAMES GREEN. CONNIE asked if JIM FABER was there but the subject's answer was unaudible. He said that SI GERSON was there along with MAX GORDON and his wife. He said a lot of people from Flatbush were there, but there were not too many from the Crown Heights Section. He said that BILLY THOMPSON (Female) had also been missing. CONNIE then commented that it was a shame that DOXIE WILKERSON had got mixed up with "those people" (right wing), but he, of course, agreed with them. The subject then criticized these people who had left the party and said that they had no relationship with Marxism and they are merely a group of promoters. He said they had come into the movement with one idea and they had not met any real contributors. CONNIE commented that MAX WEISS was a person that could not go along with them on the dissolution of the CP. PHILLIP disagreed with CONNIE on this point.

1 - NY (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - NY (100-37343) (JIM FABER) (422)
1 - NY (100-13473) (SI GERSON) (415)
1 - NY (100-21259) (MAX GORDON) (422)
1 - NY (100-62509) (DOXIE WILKERSON) (422)
1 - NY (100-85283) [REDACTED]
1 - NY (100-82430) (IRVING HERMAN)
1 - NY (100-20) (MORRIS SCHAPPES) (425)
1 - NY (100-78800) [REDACTED]
1 - NY (100-53384) [REDACTED]
1 - NY (100-18672) (MAX WEISS) (425)
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CONNIE then mentioned [] as being [] However, the subject made no comment. The subject then commented that he had spoken with IRVING HERMAN recently, possibly at the funeral. He also mentioned that MORRIS SCHAPPES was also at the funeral.

Subject then said that [] father had died and that he had been an old timer in the movement.

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He later asked his wife if she was acquainted with [] and CONNIE commented that his wife is an "ex". PHILLIP said that [] is still in and that he wants to contact him. CONNIE commented that ELSIE ROSENBLUM knows him and could possibly arrange a meeting.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CP-ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 10/13/59

On 8/13/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a discussion which took place in the apartment of PHIL and CONNIE BART, 24-15 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The source advised that the subject and his wife discussed a meeting which PHIL BART had attended the previous evening somewhere around Philadelphia, Pa. He mentioned that he had seen JOE ROBERTS at the meeting, and that there had been the usual "hecklers". He said that there was one young hoodlum who was more or less the instigator. However, he said there were several people there not in the party, but who were interested in listening.

PHIL mentioned that the meeting was in Levittown, and that most of the people in attendance were from Philadelphia. He said that the FISHER woman was at the meeting and that she presently has four children. He did not get the opportunity to speak until about 10 o'clock, but that when he finally got finished it was almost 1. Apparently most of his talk was about the collection of funds and collecting dues. He said that if they did not pay dues they would not have an organization. He commented that many people feel the movement in America is dying and that they are wasting their time contributing to the fund drive.

2- PHILADELPHIA	(100-)	(RM)
1- PHILADELPHIA	(100-)	(JOE ROBERTS) (RM)
1- PHILADELPHIA	(100-)	(TOM NABRIED) (RM)
1- PHILADELPHIA	(100-)	(RUTH LNU) (RM)
1- PHILADELPHIA	(100-)	(CHARLEY LNU) (RM)
1- NEWARK	(100-)	(CP-ORGANIZATION) (RM)
1- NEW YORK	(100-12959)	(CONNIE BART) (415)
① NEW YORK	(100-56579)	(PHIL BART) (415)
1- NEW YORK	(100-18673)	(GEORGE WATT) (425)
1- NEW YORK	(100-47211)	(STEVE NELSON) (415)
1- NEW YORK	(100-105078)	(HY LUMER)
1- NEW YORK	(100-18065)	(JACK STACHEL) (415)
1- NEW YORK	(100-23825)	(BEN DAVIS) (416)
1- NEW YORK	(100-8057)	(GENE DENNIS) (415)
1- NEW YORK	(100-80641)	

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He continued that some young fellow who was there and was heckling, maintained that the CP does not exist, and that they might as well give their money to the Salvation Army. He said that ROBERTS spoke and he was very good. He said that a TOM LNU was also there and a couple of young fellows who were pretty sharp. He said there were some people there who were relatives of GEORGE WATT, and wanted to know what things were being done in the party. He commented that WATT apparently goes there once in a while for discussions. He said all and all it was a pleasant evening.

He said that a woman made a motion that they raise the expense for his trip there. He said he had been the one who asked BART to go down.

They scheduled a meeting for September. He said his wife was in laborbut we were still in a discussion at 1 a.m. He said that they have a lot of good young people down there.

He commented that RUTH LNU came late after the meeting was started. He did not know what her husband does. He said that she proposed to bring JOE ROBERTS or STEVE NELSON and herself down for a meeting.

Later in the evening PHIL commented that HY LUMER and JACK STACHEL were going away the following week on vacation, and that BEN DAVIS and JOE ROBERTS were still away on theirs.

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9/11/59

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-124494)

LOU MOROZE
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 9/2/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/2/59, PHIL BART contacted (LOU) MOROZE of Newark, N.J. and said that he is one of the few people in New Jersey that he has been able to contact. PHIL said that he understands that they are getting together (in N.J.) Wednesday (9/9/59). MOROZE confirmed that they are. PHIL asked him to see if it could be changed to Thursday as "some of us want to be there, you know what it is about". He said if they could not change it they would come over on Wednesday. MOROZE said he would see what could be done and let PHIL know.

For information.

- 1- Newark (Info) (RM)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-124494)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 9/11/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-CIdentity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 8/31/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 8/31/59, (JACK SHULMAN) contacted (PHIL BART). PHIL said that "she" called him about Tuesday - because "she" thought that would be the better day for anybody to come there (possibly EDNA WINSTON at Briel's Farm). JACK said he did not like to drive on Labor Day and Wednesday is out for JACK; may have to go early on Tuesday. JACK suggested that since FRIEST or FRIEZ (ph) does not have a job yet, he could borrow BILL ALBERTSON's car and go up. JACK said "our" car is in terrible shape now. JACK then asked if it had to be on Wednesday. PHIL said "well, it's in connection with a question of a couple of people, you see". JACK said he was sorry, but what with moving BILL (FOSTER) and the car being in such bad shape. JACK said that the only car that is in good enough shape is ALBERTSON's. PAUL said he would have to work out something else then; but it has to be done in the next couple of days - it's an important thing - somebody's expecting to see a couple of people, you see.

- 1- New York (100-111666) (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
- 1- New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
- 1- New York (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (415)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 9/11/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-CIdentity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 9/2/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/2/59, (PHIL BART) contacted ISADORE (WOF SY) and asked how ROSE (WOF SY) was. ISADORE said she came home from the hospital and was feeling better. After some discussion they agreed to meet at ISADORE's place the following day (9/3/59) between 10:30 and 11:00 am. PHIL then said if he did not meet ISADORE there "I'll" meet you at the ---. ISADORE said yes, around noon time, on my lunch hour "I'll" walk up.

- 1- New York (100-19679) (ISADORE WOF SY) (415)
1- New York (100-56579) (415)

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SAC (100-31723)

9/4/59

SA EDWARD A. SMITH

CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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On 8/25/59, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA EDWARD A. SMITH of the following. This information was dictated 8/28/59 into statement form, typed by Steno [] on 8/31/59, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 9/1/59. It is maintained in []

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"Philadelphia, Pa.
August 25, 1959

"On August 22, 1959, [] received a special delivery letter from PHIL BART in New York which indicated that on August 20, 1959 the National Committee of the CPUSA assigned speakers for the 40th Anniversary of the CPUSA for all meetings in the Eastern Section of the U. S. It was requested that city-wide meetings of all Party people be held early in September. BART requested that arrangements be made for a meeting on Saturday and Sunday in which a number of individuals could be seen in the course of a day. He advised [] to consider the possibility of a meeting in other towns where some members and readers of the paper could be contacted. [] was also instructed to arrange meetings throughout the month of October and consider following up these meetings with a final meeting that both BART and [] could attend."

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- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 4 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - 100-31723
 - 1 - 100-22157 (PHIL BART)
 - 1 - 65-1686 []
 - 1 - []
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SAC, NEW YORK (97-169)

9/10/59

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PUBLISHERS NEW PRESS, INC.
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Identity of Informant: NY 2471-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date: 9/3/59

NY 2471-S* has reported that on 9/3/59, PHIL (BART) contacted DOROTHY (ROBINSON), said he was "down getting a loan" and wanted to know who to make it out to, in that (WILLIAM) PATTERSON was not there, DOROTHY said to make it out to "cash". BART said he could not do that, it has to be in someone's name. DOROTHY then said to make it out to [REDACTED]

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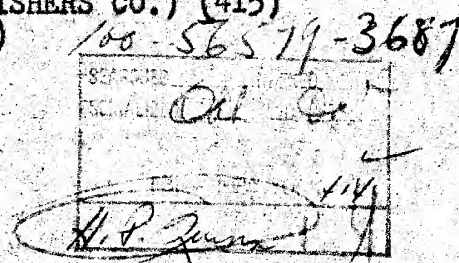
[REDACTED] then spoke to BART. [REDACTED] said to make it out to cash and he could cash it at Amalgamated Bank. BART said he could not cash it as he is at First National City Bank, on Fifth Ave. between 13th and 14th Sts.

BART again spoke to DOROTHY and said supposed ~~he~~ ~~BRONSTEIN~~ gave it to her tomorrow morning. You won't be able to do anything with it now anyway. DOROTHY said no, we have to have it today as the printers are giving "us" a fit. BART said to tell the printer they would have it for him tomorrow morning. DOROTHY said she did not see what the trouble was in making out the check. BART said she would not be able to

- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-81771) (DOROTHY ROBINSON) (423)
- 1- New York (100-135303) [REDACTED] (415)
- 1- New York (100-50817) (ROBERT DUNN)
- 1- New York (100-128517) (COMMITTEE FOR A FREE PRESS)
- 1- New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-57557) (INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHERS CO.) (415)
- 1- New York (100-74560) (CP, USA-FUNDS) (415)
- 1- New York (97-169) (415)

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get it cashed and it has to be made out to PATTERSON or someone. DOROTHY then said to make it out to her and she would go down and cash it. BART asked if she had an account there and DOROTHY replied a small one. BART then said they would not cash your check in that big an amount. DOROTHY said they would cash a check made out to ROBERT DUNN as that is who our account is in the name of. She said he is the treasurer of the Committee For a Free Press and "we" are authorized to cash his checks. BART then said okay and told DOROTHY to come up to 381 4th Ave. to pick up the check. Also to bring a receipt with her marked "Loan for \$3500".

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-29)
FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-9851)
SUBJECT: CP, USA
CONNECTICUT DISTRICT
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On 9-3-59, NH 369-S* advised that [] by letter 8-16-59, requested that SID TAYLOR and BOB EKINS advise when they could meet with him and PHIL BART. Informant advised that [] suggested the following dates - August 29, September 12, September 13, all at 1:30 P.M., and August 28, and September 11 (Friday evenings). NH 369-S* advised that [] said that if meetings held on August 29, September 12 or 13 it would be best since they "wouldn't be pressed for time". The informant advised that [] requested an answer to his letter within the week, "even if you do not feel you want to meet".

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It is felt that above meeting may be devoted to discussion of organizational problems of CP of Connecticut and, in view of forthcoming national convention of CP, USA, some attention may be given to formulating plans for convention of CP of Connecticut.

New York is requested to advise of any information reflecting that PHIL BART was in Connecticut on August 28 or August 29, or any information indicating that BART plans to come to Connecticut on September 11-13, 1959, or other time.

3-Bureau (RM)
2-New York (RM)
1-New Haven

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100-14532

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-)

SUBJECT: CHARLENE MITCHELL

DATE: 9/8/59

On 8/10/59, NY 1750-S* furnished information regarding a discussion which took place in the apartment of PHIL and CONNIE BART, 24-15 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The source advised that CONNIE BART contacted PEARL LAWS and made a date for a week from Tuesday (8/18/59) for a meeting to be held at the BART'S apartment concerning a report recommending the reorganization of the Kings County CP.

Later PHIL told CONNIE that ABNER GREEN was "finished". He said that the operation found a mushroom shaped tumor and that they could not ascertain how deep the roots go into the brain. He said they could not remove all of it and that if he does recover from the operation he will have to be in bed six months. He also commented that ALEX BITTLEMAN had accepted the invitation from the NEC to appear before the following day's meeting. He said that GUS HALL would do most of the talking and that he (BART) did not want to get himself involved.

BART also mentioned that he received a letter that day from CHARLENE MITCHELL in California, and that she said that JIM JACKSON had been out there a week ago. He said that it is criminal the way JACKSON travels around and that no organization can operate like that. He said that JACKSON has been gone six or seven weeks. He said that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT called last week asking for JACKSON.

2- LOS ANGELES	(100-)	(RM)
1- CHICAGO	(100-)	(CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT) (RM)
1- NEW YORK	(100-12959)	(CONNIE BART) (415)
①- NEW YORK	(100-56579)	(PHIL BART) (415)
1- NEW YORK	(100-85936)	(PEARL LAWS) (422)
1- NEW YORK	(100-14691)	(ABNER GREEN) (411)
1- NEW YORK	(100-20128)	(ALEX BITTLEMAN) (414)
1- NEW YORK	(100-84944)	(GUS HALL) (415)
1- NEW YORK	(100-16785)	(JIM JACKSON) (415)
1- NEW YORK	(100-)	(CHARLENE MITCHELL)

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DATE: 9/10/59

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT

Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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ReNYairtel to Bureau, 9/9/59, captioned "CPUSA-
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS."

CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO
IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

- 5 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)
 - (1 - 100-3-83)(CPUSA-DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES)
 - (1 - 100-3-81)(CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
- 2 - Chicago (INFO)(RM)
 - (1- 100-) (CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP)
 - 1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
 - 1 - NY (100-1696)(ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(415)
 - 1 - NY (100-18065)(JACK STACHEL)(415)
 - 1 - NY (100-23825)(BEN DAVIS, JR.)(416)
 - 1 - NY (100-129629)(BILL ALBERTSON)(416)
 - 1 - NY (100-48033)(IRVING POTASH)(415)
 - 1 - NY (100-16021)(ARNOLD JOHNSON)(415)
 - 1 - NY (100-91330) [REDACTED] b6 b7C
 - 1 - NY (100-13203)(GEORGE MORRIS)(415)
 - 1 - NY (100-16785)(JAMES JACKSON)(415)
 - 1 - NY (100-89691)(CPUSA-DOMESTIC ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES)(415)
 - 1 - NY (100-89590)(CPUSA-STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)(415)
 - 1 - NY (100-86624)(CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(415)
 - 1 - NY (100-80638)(CPUSA-MEMBERSHIP)(415)
 - 1 - NY (100-9365)(WILLIAM Z. FOSTER)(415)
 - 1 - NY (100-80641)

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NY 100-80641

On 9/9/59, NY 2359-S* advised that members of the Resident NEC, CPUSA and invited guests met in the third floor board room on above date at CP Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, NYC. It is noted that shortly after the meeting opened a proposal was made to adjourn to the Penthouse office of EUGENE DENNIS to conduct the meeting.

NY 2362-S* reported that the following individuals were in attendance:

JAMES JACKSON
PHIL BART
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
JACK STACHEL
BEN DAVIS, JR.
BILL ALBERTSON
IRVING POTASH
ARNOLD JOHNSON

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and an individual believed to be GEORGE MORRIS

JAMES JACKSON chaired the meeting.

JACK STACHEL proposed that the two main questions of youth and the AFL-CIO convention would be taken up at a later date, possibly Thursday 9/10/59.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN then reported on the emergency situation in the struggle to get the amnesty campaign off the ground in both Harlem and New York. She expressed the opinion that direction for the campaign should not come from the national level, but rather that New York State should get something started on it. She said the Christmas amnesty campaign needs a special appeal and needs to be started immediately if it is to be a success.

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Informant advised that BEN DAVIS, JR. then spoke concerning the possible picketing at the Mexican Consulate, NYC. This information has been forwarded to the Bureau by referenced airtel. The only additional point discussed concerning this matter was that JAMES JACKSON was of the opinion that the National Committee, CPUSA, should direct some sort of a statement to the Mexican Government and JACK STACHEL was appointed to write a statement.

PHIL BART next discussed the regional conferences to be held September 26 and 27, 1959. (No place was mentioned for this conference). BART commented that it was to be a one point agenda, mainly that of strengthening the Party organization. He said their aim is 300 new members by convention time and that Chicago has projected a target for 50 new members for its area.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN then stated that the Party was leaving out the defense from attacks on the Party by the McCarran Act and the membership registration cases. She expressed the opinion that the getting of new members was conditioned on whether they would come under attack. She also mentioned that the Party is neglecting to protect the rights of "our own leader, BILL FOSTER" and that "we" should be fighting to get him better medical attention "out of the country." She also expressed the opinion that a defense committee should be formed, noting that in the past they had the CRC (Civil Rights Congress) but now "we have nothing but ourselves."

ARNOLD JOHNSON stated that in his opinion they were overstressing the building of the Party and commented that the building of the Party press should be a necessity.

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BILL ALBERTSON stated that the "conference" (Regional Conference) should determine the ideological questions the Party must "grapple with." He pointed out that this is not a conference to start a Party building campaign, but rather to look into Party organization. PHIL BART favored having a specific presentation at the conference to determine what is going on in the clubs today.

At this point, the meeting then adjourned to the third floor board room to continue discussion.

NY 2359-S* advised that IRVING POTASH then spoke concerning trade unions and referred to the special issue of "The Worker" concerning the AFL-CIO convention. He expressed the opinion that "The Worker" should have some kind of editorial statements dealing with such questions as the struggle against discrimination, civil liberties, relations with the Soviet Union, labor unity, etc.

BEN DAVIS, JR. commented that a proposition that has to be dealt with more completely is the question of independent political action. He said we have to ask ourselves if the time is right for a third party in this country, adding that the center of such conditions for a third party is the whole question of the South.

An individual believed to be GEORGE MORRIS stated in referring to WALTER REUTHER that we have to "criticize a guy like REUTHER and say why don't you show a little bit of courage and self-respect." This individual also referred to GEORGE MEANEY and characterized him as a man who has always delayed action and who has fought against action.

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JAMES JACKSON acting as chairman recommended that discussions be scheduled regarding the labor question.

JACK STACHEL suggested that IRVING POTASH and GEORGE MORRIS should work something out for immediate future discussion.

Meeting adjourned.

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-89)

9/10/59

SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)

COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

CG 5824-S*, on September 8, 1959, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING a one-page, mimeographed document dated September 3, 1959, addressed "To All Party Clubs", and signed, "Comradely yours, Phil Bart, for the National Executive Committee". This letter purports to be an explanation for the referendum to delete Article V, Section 5, of the Constitution of the Communist Party - USA, which deals with the method of electing members of the National Committee.

One photostat copy of this document is enclosed herewith to the Bureau and to the New York Division. The Chicago copy is located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (103).

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
- 2 - New York (Encl. 1) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
ORGANIZATION
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 9/11/59

CG 5824-S*, on September 8, 1959, made available to SA JOHN E. KEATING a two-page, mimeographed document dated September 3, 1959, addressed "To All National Committee Members", and signed by PHIL BART. This document contains brief minutes of recent National Executive Committee meetings. It states, in part, that on August 4, 1959, the National Executive Committee considered:

"Influence on the peace movements and strengthening of U.S.-Soviet relations as a result of exchange of visits between the heads of the U.S. and the Soviet Union.....

"It was decided to organize a national Party youth conference in Chicago in early fall.....

"A request was made that Comrade Bittelman send us the manuscript of his new book....."

- 2 - Bureau (Enclosure 1) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - New Jersey (100-4284) (CP-USA, Organization) (REGISTERED)
- 6 - New York (Enclosure 1) (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-86624) (CP-USA, International Relations)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-80644) (CP-USA, Youth Matters)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-20128) (ALEXANDER BITTELMAN)
 - (1 - 100-) (EVELYN WIENER)
- 4 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-33745) (CP-USA, Youth Matters)
 - (1 - 100-18957) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Youth Matters)

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On August 25, 1959, the National Executive Committee again considered:

"Visits between the heads of our country and the Soviet Union and its effect on peace movements..."

On September 1, 1959, the National Executive Committee considered:

"Juvenile Delinquency -- Evelyn Wiener of New York County reported.....

"New Jersey -- It was decided to have a delegation of the NEC meet with the comrades and discuss their work.

"Puerto Rico -- Following a report on problems in the Puerto Rican communities and in Puerto Rico itself, it was decided to refer further action to a future NEC meeting."

One photostat copy of this document is enclosed herewith to the Bureau and to the New York Division; the Chicago copy is located in Chicago file 100-33741-1B3 (104).

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 9/15/59

WSP
FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-31376)

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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On 9/8/59, NK 1828-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL BART had been in contact with LOTTIE GORDON on this date. NK 1828-S* stated that BART indicated he would see LOTTIE GORDON on 9/8/59. BART indicated there would be others present when he met with GORDON.

- ① - New York (RM)
- 3 - Newark
 - (1 - 100-35106 LOTTIE GORDON)
 - (1 - 100-4284V CONTACTS WITH CP, USA)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BART
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WEEKLY SUMMARY 9/7 - 13/59
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On 9/7/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife CONNIE had discussed the death of ABNER GREEN and the subject mentioned that the funeral was to be held on Tuesday afternoon and that it would disrupt the NEC meeting scheduled for that day. He said that the meeting ordinarily starts at 1:00 p.m. and that they would have to leave by 2:00 p.m. and that it was very difficult to accomplish anything in an hour.

Subject and his wife later discussed going to the Labor Day Parade being held that day in NYC, and they made plans to leave at approximately 1:00 p.m. Subject's wife said that she was very interested in seeing the theatrical contingent who are participating in the Parade.

On 9/9/59, NY 1749-S* advised that MORRIS CHILDS, Chicago CP functionary, had contacted CONNIE BART and asked for the subject. CHILDS said that he was calling the subject because he needed some answers from him about something he was about to do. He told CONNIE that his wife SONNY had just gotten out of the hospital the other day and that she was feeling a little better. CONNIE asked if SONNY were going to try to get back to work and MORRIS said, "Not yet anyway". CHILDS asked if GENE DENNIS were back from his vacation yet and CONNIE said that as far as she knew, he was not back as of that morning. She told CHILDS that he was due back later in the week. CHILDS said that he had to talk to DENNIS about something that could not wait and that he had wanted to tell the subject that he would be in NY and had to make this appointment. CONNIE mentioned that the subject was presently "way out in the Bronx". She did not

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expect him home until about 1:30 a.m. CHILDS stated that he had planned to leave for NY the following day and arrive there at about 6:00 p.m. He said that if there is a possibility of DENNIS being in NY within the next 24 hours, he would keep to that schedule.

During the conversation CHILDS told her that JACK KLING was presently out of a job and was laid off because of a lack of experience. He also mentioned that [redacted] [redacted] was back and that she had gone through NY without seeing anybody. It was finally decided that the subject would call CHILDS the following day at his home.

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On 9/9/59, NY 2359-S* advised that the subject was in attendance at a meeting of the Resident NEC, CP, USA, which was held on that date at CP Headquarters. During the meeting the subject discussed the regional conferences which were to be held by the CP on 9/26 and 27/59. The subject commented that there was to be only one point on the agenda of these conferences, and that is the strengthening of Party organization. He said that the CP's aim is for 300 new members by convention time. He commented that the Chicago area projected a target of 50 new members in this drive.

NY 1750-S* advised on 9/9/59, that a meeting connected with the Kings County CP organization was held at the residence of the subject although he was not in attendance. Among those known to be in attendance at this meeting were the subject's wife CONNIE, and JIM TORMEY, Kings County CP Organizer.

On 9/10/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject had mentioned to his wife that MORRIS CHILDS was coming to NY on the following day. The subject's wife asked him how his business of the previous evening in the Bronx had turned out. The subject said that he had been up in the Riverdale Section of the Bronx at a meeting of the Riverdale Club and

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he had also attended that "Bulgarian thing". (A party held at the Bulgarian consulate in observance of Liberation Day) He told his wife that the party had been very good and that there had been a lot of food and drink. He said that JIM TORMEY was there and that TORMEY had talked to a member of the Soviet Delegation. He said that TORMEY was attempting to have the Soviet Delegate clear up some of his thinking. He said that the Delegate was not giving TORMEY too much information, especially in view of these times. He commented that TORMEY better get his thinking straightened out. She asked if the Party were by invitation and the subject answered in the negative, commenting that they just walked up and were greeted and ate and drank and then left.

The subject then advised his wife that he had intended to go to Boston on business this weekend but that he did not get a reply to his inquiry so he is going to skip it. He then mentioned that there was a district meeting down in Philadelphia and that he may go down there on Saturday as he would like to talk to a few people including TOM NABRIED and (FNU) ZUCKER.

The subject then discussed the meeting the previous evening in the Bronx and mentioned BERNARD ADES who he described as a conniver and schemer. He said that ADES was not at the meeting but there were three others from the club along with four representatives; one from the Section, one from Bronx County, one from the District and the last from the National Office. He said that the Riverdale Club had sent a letter to the National Office with a \$200 donation to the fund drive. He said they also enclosed a letter saying that they were unhappy with the way the CP was being run in the Bronx, and they wanted to bring their grievance to the attention of the National Office. He said this letter practically stated that the acceptance of the donation was in fact an acceptance of the terms of the letter which included the line the club wanted adopted.

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he really could not do anything there this evening as it was mostly social on Saturday. He said he wanted to be sure to see [] while there.

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NY 1749-S* advised on 9/12/59, that MORRIS CHILDS contacted the subject and told him he was trying to get in touch with ARNOLD JOHNSON and wanted to know if JOHNSON is still in town. The subject said he did not know if JOHNSON were in town but that he had heard that AURELIA JOHNSON was not feeling well and therefore should probably be home. CHILDS said if he does not locate JOHNSON he has to go down to Greenwich Village to someone else. He said he also has to see IZZY WOFSY sometime before one o'clock. CHILDS also asked the subject for the addresses and phone numbers of MARY KAUFMAN and JIM JACKSON as well as that of ARNOLD JOHNSON. They then made a date to meet for dinner at MORRIS's place.

Source advised that the subject later contacted IRVING POTASH and they spoke about an appointment POTASH has on the 21st of October to speak before a forum. Subject advised that he was going to Philadelphia the following day and would return on Tuesday.

Source also advised that MORRIS CHILDS recontacted the subject and told him he had not been able to locate JOHNSON as yet and BART commented that he believed JOHNSON may be out of town fishing. CHILDS said that he had met with WOFSY and he would tell BART about that later. He said he would drop by JOHNSON's apartment any way as it is not too far away. He said that he is supposed to get hold of MARY KAUFMAN but he could not reach her until six o'clock. BART stated that he would pick up CHILDS between 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at his place, and then they will make arrangements to drop over and see LENA (SCHERER).

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He said that he told them that no one could buy a political line for \$200. He said those in attendance from the Club were all professional people who make good money. He said that BERNARD ADES is their ideological leader. However, he said that one person who really did not agree with the others donated \$100 of the \$200 amount. BART commented that the National Office will not accept the \$200 unless the Riverdale Club withdraws the letter. He said he was quite made during the meeting, but he was proud of himself on how cool he had kept. He commented, "A stinking \$200 for a political wedge; especially from those ambulance chasers up there, who never in their lives defended a comrade in court".

The subject related that the night before last he had gone to New Jersey about PAT's (TOOHEY) resignation. He said that as far as he is concerned, TOOHEY had no intention of resigning. He said that it was a good meeting and there were three of them from the National Office including ARNOLD JOHNSON and JIM JACKSON. He said that all those who are the center of the controversy in the New Jersey CP were not at the meeting including MANNY CANTOR, JOE BRANDT, (WALTER) BARRY, and (JOHN) NORMAN. He said that he learned that NORMAN is closer to MARTHA STONE than he is to the CP. BART continued that TOOHEY is fond of his own voice and once he gets started he never stops. TOOHEY said that this group is anti-Party and he is pro-CP. He said that among those who contributed to this discussion were LOTTIE (GORDON) who was fair, and (LOU) MAROZE who was especially good. He said that everyone who spoke wanted PAT to remain in leadership but that as they proceeded to speak, they tore him apart. He said that [redacted] really hit him when she asked how anyone in the CP could possibly be anti-Party. He said that both JOHNSON and JACKSON spoke, but because it was so late he didn't say anything. He said that TOOHEY summarized the discussion and accepted the results as a vote of confidence. He commented that this

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resigning is an old thing with TOOHEY and "We all know it". He said even though TOOHEY is an old windbag, he is one of the first proletariats to get in to the movement and in addition is a very good guy. He said that JACKSON asked TOOHEY if he would withdraw his resignation and somebody laughed saying that TOOHEY had already mentioned the agenda for the next meeting.

The subject said that after they left the meeting, they forgot where they parked the car and spent a half hour looking for it. He said it finally turned out that it was parked on the same street where the meeting was held. He said that later when they were looking for a parkway he turned into an alley and they hit a dog.

BART told his wife that he had finally written a letter to CLAUDIA (JONES). He said that according to MARY (KAUFMAN) CLAUDIA is in very bad shape financially, although she does have enough money to run the paper over there.

The source advised that CONNIE BART told her husband that MORRIS CHILDS had mentioned earlier in his phone call [redacted] was back from her trip and that she had gone through NY but was unable to see anyone. The subject said that that was a lot of "baloney" and that she could have seen him in five minutes if she really wanted to.

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Later in the evening the subject mentioned to his wife that he had made arrangements for the car used by WILLIAM FOSTER to be repaired and that it is in very "bad shape".

On 9/12/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject told his wife that he was glad that the Boston trip had fell through as he was now able to go to Philadelphia where he had a lot of things to do. He said that he would probably leave that evening or early the next morning and return on Tuesday. Later in the day, he told his wife that he had decided to leave for Philadelphia the following morning as

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHIL BART
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)
Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past
Date: 9/12/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/12/59, PHIL (BART) contacted IRVING POTASH and told him he has a message from "FANNY" for IRVING. IRVING asked what was wrong with her, she was supposed to see him Thursday morning and did not come in until late in the afternoon when he was not there. She also left not that she would call him Friday but she did not call. PHIL said she asked him to give IRVING message re the forum to be held on the 21st of Oct. and that IRVING should call her. PHIL said he was out with GENE (DENNIS) all yesterday morning and when he got to the office IRVING had left.

PHIL said he is going to Philadelphia either late this afternoon or tomorrow and would return Tuesday (9/15/59). IRVING said that in regard to the dates that PHIL had given him that they are not the same ones as he has in his book, said that PHIL gave him dates for Sat. and Sun. PHIL said no that the dates are Fri. and Sat.

For information.

- 1- Philadelphia (Info) (RM)
- 1- New York (100-48033) (IRVING POTASH) (415)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (415)

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MORRIS CHILDS
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)
Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past
Date: 9/9/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/9/59, MORRIS (CHILDS) contacted CONNIE BART after learning that PHIL BART was not in. MORRIS said he was waiting for PHIL because he needed some answers from him about something. MORRIS told CONNIE that SONNY (MORRIS' wife) just got home (from hospital, apparently) the other day; she is a little better.

MORRIS asked if GENE (DENNIS) was back yet? CONNIE said that he wasn't. CONNIE said she thought he (GENE) was due back later in the week. MORRIS said he has to talk to "that guy" about something that can't wait, so wanted PHIL to tell "him" that MORRIS will be in (to NY) and that MORRIS would see "him" at odd hours because he is not coming in for any meetings. He said that if "he" is not in it will create a problem. CONNIE said that PHIL is way up in the Bronx and she expects he'll be late, about 1:00 or 1:30 pm. She asked if MORRIS wanted PHIL to call him. MORRIS said for PHIL to use his judgment because MORRIS would like to know when "the guy" is expected. MORRIS said it does not matter what kind of a meeting (GENE) has because he has to see "him" for about a half hour anyway.

MORRIS advised he talked to the KLINGS a while ago; that JACK (KLING) is out of a job - not enough experience -

4- Chicago (100-3740) (INFO) (RM)

(1- 100- RHODA KLING)

(1- 100- JACK KLING)

(1- 100- [redacted])

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①- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)

1- New York (100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS) (415)

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job lasted about a month. He said RHODA (KLING) is back. MORRIS also advised [] is back, but she went through New York without seeing anybody, just phoned some people. b6 b7C

MORRIS then asked if PHIL goes down to the office nearly every day and CONNIE replied usually. MORRIS finally decided that PHIL will call him tomorrow morning at MORRIS' house. MORRIS said he's got to ask PHIL a couple of questions.

MORRIS told CONNIE maybe he'll see her if he gets into New York; said he had planned to leave here tomorrow and arrive New York about 6 (pm); and if MORRIS talks to PHIL, there's a possibility of (GENE's) coming in within the next 24 hours, MORRIS may still keep to this schedule.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-1502-6156)

FROM : SA HARRY C. BELK

SUBJECT: CPEPD-BUCKS COUNTY SECTION
IS - C

DATE: 9/3/59

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On 8/13/59, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA HARRY C. BELK of the following. This information was dictated 8/14/59 into statement form, typed by [] on 8/14/59, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 8/21/59. It is maintained in []

"Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
August 13, 1959

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"On August 13, 1959, TOM NABRIED was overheard telling [] that he attended a meeting of [] Communist Party (CP) Club on August 12, 1959, and that PHIL BART was present. He mentioned that there are three clubs in the Bucks County Section and without

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1 - 100- (STEVE NELSON)
12- Philadelphia
1 - 100-1502-6156
1 - 100-22157 (PHIL BART)
1 - 100-23239 (FRANK KINCES)
1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)
1 - 65-1136 (STEVE NELSON)
1 - 100-12294 (ANDERS OMHOLT)
1 - 100-32042 []
1 - 100-40449 []
1 - 100-30243 []
1 - 100-31723 (CPUSA ORGANIZATION)
1 - 100-30295 (CPUSA FUNDS)
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"specifically naming them indicated that FRANK KINCES has one club; ANDY OMHOLT has one club, and [redacted] has one club. NABRIED stated that [redacted] was in attendance at this meeting and proposed that a meeting be held in the future at which PHIL BART, STEVE NELSON, and TOM NABRIED would discuss Party policy.

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"At this Club meeting, [redacted] collected CP dues, but there were some present who refused to pay dues.

"Since the meeting lasted most of the evening, PHIL BART decided to spend the night at [redacted] residence."

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND

DATE: 9/14/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK

SUBJECT : CP, USA, NYD,
NATIONAL GROUPS
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1-Cleveland (100-) (GUS HALL) (RM)
1-New York () (Inv.) (423)
1-New York (100-26776) () (425)
1-New York (100-56820) () (423)
1-New York (100-20241) () (41)
1-New York (100-82382) () (425)
1-New York (100-68196) () (31)
1-New York (100-58535) () (416)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (422)
1-New York (100-14691) () (41)
1-New York (100-128809) (CP, USA, NYD, STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY) (416)
1-New York (100-84994) () (412)
1-New York (100-4931) (CP, USA) (415)
1-New York (100-129629) () (416)
1-New York (100-54651) (CP, USA, NATIONAL GROUPS) (415)
1-New York (100-128816) (416)

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Identity of Source:

[redacted] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info:

[redacted]

Date Received:

8/24/59

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Received by:

SA LE ROY W. SHEETS (written)

Original located:

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On 8/24/59 informant further identified [redacted]

[redacted]

A copy of informant's report follows:

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8/23/59

Meeting of the [redacted]
held at the [redacted]

[redacted] 8:15 P.M. Present: [redacted] of
the [redacted]

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(tall, blondish I think the name is [redacted] of the
Russian paper and PHIL BART, organizational Sec'y of the CP.

There were excuses given for not being present for the Poles
and Hungarians.

The main report was given by BART on the steel strike. He
emphasized that this is the basic industry of our economy,
were the strongest and most ruthless bunch is. They are out to
weaken labor, disorient its leaders, stop the 30-35 hour work
week movement; there is definite coincidence of the strike and
labor laws being debated in Washington. Critizes MEANY and
praised RUTHER's suggesting that labor contribute financially
to the steel strikes. He said the Party is sending out "our
leaders in the area" to the limit of our possibilities. BART
had just been back from the Anthracite, and ALBERTSON is visiting
the Pittsburgh area. He also stated that GUS HALL has been
in the Youngstown area. He stated that many steel workers
are willing to talk to us now. We must contact every person
available in the area. If today you see better picket lines,
near the striking gates, it is because we have moved every
available rock.

BART urged all those present to do likewise. You know very well
the national group composition in the area. You may say that
most of our people, and friends of the old struggles, are
old today. This is true, and it is also true that in the
steel plants you have younger, inexperienced people. Our
old friends can definitely be influential today.....We must
write more and more in our papers about the strike.

BART also informed that the Party Convention will take place on
December 10-13. The material for discussion on the two main
points as formulated by the National Office will be out soon.
The two points are: 1. Political analysis; 2. On the Negro question.

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The 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Party will take place at Carnegie Hall, on Friday, Sept. 25th, 8:00 p.m. Admission 1 dollar. The Party will try to have a different kind of celebration, by inviting people who are not even Communists. Among those expected to speak are: DU BOIS, TIM BUCK and MAURINIELLO (if the State Dept. doesn't allow them admission in the country, their speeches will be recorded (I'm referring to the last two), O'CASEY, the playwright. Tickets were distributed.

PHIL BART touched on the establishment of regular national group commissions. He was informed that [redacted] had called a meeting for this purpose, but that since then nothing has materialized. He said that he will take up the matter with the state CP leaders and see what happened. [redacted] and [redacted] to keep in touch with him on this subject.

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The meeting closed at 10:25 p.m.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-18953)

FROM : SA ROBERT E. BOWE

SUBJECT: CP, USA, ILLINOIS DISTRICT
ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 9/4/59

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on July 8, 1959, orally advised SA ROBERT E. BOWE of a meeting of the [redacted] CP of Illinois, held on [redacted] in Chicago, Illinois.

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This oral information was written up in narrative report form and subsequently returned to [redacted] for his approval and signature. The signed original narrative report of this information is located in A) [redacted]

① - New York (100- PHIL BART) (RM)

1 - A) [redacted]

1 - 100-22021 [redacted]

1 - 100-20239 (JIM WEST)

1 - 100-29411 (MARVIN ZIPORYN)

1 - 100-18623 (IRVING ADOLPH)

1 - 100-13332 (GRACE SARNIAK)

1 - 100-17376 (BEN FRIEDLANDER)

1 - 100-20384 (SAM GOLD)

1 - 100-23392 [redacted]

1 - 100-20277 (CELIA FARMILANT)

1 - 100-24020 (DOROTHY DAVIES)

1 - 100-3301 (DAVE ENGLESTEIN)

1 - 100-18338 (CP, USA, ILL. DISTRICT, EDUCATION)

1 - 100-22016 (" " WEST SIDE SECTION)

1 - 100-22015 (" " ALBANY PARK SECTION)

1 - 100-22022 (" " 9th C.D. SECTION)

1 - 100-36238 (" " 13th C.D. SECTION)

1 - 100-22007 (" " SOUTH SIDE SECTION)

1 - 100-17623 (" " HYDE PARK SECTION)

1 - 100-23270 (" " LOOP SECTION)

1 - 100-22023 (" " 12th C.D. SECTION)

1 - 100-13332 (" " SOUTHEAST SECTION)

1 - 100-17769 (" " FUNDS)

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1 - 100-18957 (CP, USA, ILL. DISTRICT, YOUTH MATTERS)
1 - 100-19431 (" " STRATEGY IN INDUSTRY)
1 - 100-18209 (" " PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
1 - 100-25191 (ICFP)

This report is as follows:

July 8, 1959
Chicago, Illinois

On the evening of [redacted] there was a meeting of the [redacted] of the CP of Illinois at the residence of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

The following were in attendance at this meeting:

JIM WEST, Executive Secretary, CP of Illinois	
MARVIN ZIPORYN	SAM GOLD
IRVING ADOLPH	[redacted]
GRACE SARNIAK	CELIA FARMILANT
BEN FRIEDLANDER	DOT DAVIES
[redacted]	PHIL BART-guest

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Most of the matters taken up at this meeting concerned announcements about various organizational points. There was no bulletin on organization points available for this meeting.

District Education Program

JIM WEST, in speaking of the cadre training classes scheduled by the CP of Illinois for July 11-19, 1959, stated that six people are needed for the classes in order to hold the school. After a poll of those present, it could not be determined for certain if that number could be obtained. DOT DAVIES mentioned that she had one applicant for the school and one other person said that they had a definite applicant.

SAM GOLD stated that it would help if they had some other schools scheduled. Apparently a school has been scheduled for the West Side Section and another set up for the Albany Park Section. These classes are to be on two successive week ends and two evenings during the week. It was also mentioned that a youth school will be held on the week ends of July 25 and August 1, 1959, and two evenings of that week. The week end classes are scheduled for 9:00 AM to noon and 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM. It was announced that other Sections may also have similar schools of their own. WEST said that if any section ever wants a school they should get in contact with DAVE ENGLESTEIN about them.

GRACE SARNIAK asked why the schools were not scheduled in the fall or winter instead of the summer when many people are away, etc., and WEST replied that there are two sides to that question. This question had been looked into, and it was

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finally decided that it would be better to schedule the schools for the summer.

Fund Drive

WEST read the percentages for all sections in the current CP fund drive which included the following:

9th Congressional District Section	88.8%
Miscellaneous	84.9
West Side Section	76.7
Albany Park	67.7
13th C.D. Section	60.0
South Side Section	56.5
Hyde Park	49.4
Loop	40.5

WEST stated that as a whole 57.5% of the fund drive has been collected in the District up to this time. \$800 has been sent to the paper (in New York), but \$2,000 is needed between now and July 17, 1959. He suggested July 17, 1959, as the next target date at which time 80% of the quotas should be turned in.

Following this announcement WEST asked the representatives of the various sections how they were doing in the fund drive. Most said that they were doing the best they could. The 9th C.D. Section (DOT DAVIES) reported that they thought they would complete their quota on time.

The 12th C.D. Section (CELIA FARMILANT) reported that they thought they could complete their personal contacts for funds on time, but would need a fund raising affair of some kind to make up the difference. This affair could not be held until September, 1959, however.

GRACE SARNIAK commented that her finance chairman was formerly in the 9th C.D. Section and added she could not see why her Section (Southeast) had the same quota as the 9th.

[redacted] spoke about having brought up the fund drive in her club, but said she could not get more than \$10 pledges from each member. She then criticized these members of her club, saying that they are the type of people who are planning a \$500 vacation. She added she will see them before they

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go on their vacation. (It was indicated by HANOVER's comments that her section consists of only one club at this time.)

"The Worker" Drive

WEST said that the subscription drive for "The Worker" is not doing well. The Southeast Section is doing better than any other, however. The District has reached 16% of its quota, but it should have 20% of it by now. He said August 4, 1959, is the next target date for subscriptions at which time 40% of them should be in.

[] mentioned that the Loop Section does not have a quota for "The Worker" drive, and WEST said that he would take that up with her later. b6 b7C

WEST next announced that there will be a CP functionaries meeting at 8:00 PM on July 17, 1959, at Milda Hall to which all club chairmen, section committee members and nationality groups members are invited. There will also be the chairman of the five committees working on plans for the 40th anniversary celebration of the Party. It is hoped that 75 to 100 people will attend this meeting. At this meeting, there will be:

1. A lecture on the history and role of the CP.
2. Discussion on plans for the 40th anniversary celebration.
3. Discussion on the steel strike if it is on at that time.

WEST pointed out that this meeting will serve as a starting point to plan towards the 40th anniversary celebration with a discussion on the role that the Party should plan in this celebration.

WEST stated that the next meeting of the CP of Illinois District Committee will be an enlarged one with Section Organizers of all sections invited and will be held on August 9, 1959. Arrangements will not be made for rides to the meeting, therefore each person should go on his own.

Following these general comments, PHIL BART discussed Party organization. He started out by saying that he had heard a discussion between two comrades in which one asked the other why do we need a party. People working in mass organizations have become disillusioned with the Party. Some feel we could work without the Party. BART pointed out that our role as

Communists in mass organizations is to not only work in the organization but to always broaden the idea of that organization. This would enable people to see the whole of a situation.

Communists in mass organizations should add something different, something special to the work of a mass organization. Work of Communists in mass organizations should serve to broaden the horizon of particular issues. BART discussed this point for a while, pointing out that we can now realize that we have a special role(as Communists.)

Following BART's comments, GRACE SARNIAK used this point to discuss some of her chronic dissatisfactions (with the Party) such as the need for a separate Marxist-Leninist youth organization.

MARVIN ZIPORYN asked advice of the Council for a proposed project of his Section (the 13th C.D. Section) which is thinking of putting out a bi-monthly information piece. His Section has discussed this activity along the lines of having the various club members clip newspaper articles and bring them to club meetings where they would be discussed. Those that were acceptable would be put into the bulletin. The person who brought the clippings in which were acceptable would be responsible for writing it up in a form suitable for the bulletin.

ZIPORYN pointed out that his Section has a mailing list of 400 names at the present time. All present thought it was a good idea to get out such a bulletin. It was felt that this should be done by other Sections as well.

Prior to the conclusion of this meeting which occurred at approximately 11:30 PM, JIM WEST summed up the discussion on Party organization which had been primarily led by PHIL BART .

SAC, CHICAGO (100-3740)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-11032)

MORRIS CHILDS
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)
Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past
Date: 9/12/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/12/59, (MORRIS CHILDS) contacted PHIL (BART) and asked if PHIL is planning to make "that" trip. PHIL said he thinks he will leave tomorrow (9/13/59) morning. MORRIS said that he is trying to get in touch with ARNOLD (JOHNSON) and asked if PHIL knew if ARNOLD left town? PHIL said he did not know as he did not see ARNOLD yesterday. MORRIS said he ran into ARNOLD yesterday as he was coming up. PHIL asked if MORRIS tried ARNOLD's home? MORRIS said he telephoned, but no answer. PHIL said AURELIA (JOHNSON) was not feeling well and thinks she should be at home. MORRIS said if he does not locate ARNOLD he is going down to Village to see someone.

MORRIS said he has to see IZZY (ISADORE WOPSY) as a result of yesterday's discussion. They decided to get together. MORRIS will call PHIL after he gets finished. PHIL said there was no rush as he has a lot of things to do around house.

MORRIS then asked for MARY KAUFMAN's phone number. PHIL gave it as ULster 7-1171 and her address as 105 Hall St. MORRIS asked for JIM JACKSON's phone number and PHIL said it was President 8-4887. MORRIS checks on ARNOLD's phone number

1- Chicago (100-3740) (Info) (RM)
1- New York (100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON) (415)
1- New York (100-49702) (AURELIA JOHNSON) (415)
1- New York (100-19679) (ISADORE WOPSY) (415)
1- New York (100-8529) (MARY KAUFMAN) (425)
1- New York (100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON) (415)
1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1- New York (100-34665) (LENA SCHEER) (422)
1- New York (100-11032) (415)

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WA 9-6211. PHIL suggests he call the building number WA 9-5600 and ask for Apt. 511. PHIL then mentioned picking MORRIS up at his place.

Informant advised that on the same date (MORRIS CHILDS) again contacted PHIL (BART) and asked if PHIL intended to go downtown. PHIL said yes and then asked MORRIS' plans. MORRIS said he has nothing for this afternoon. He said he has not located ARNOLD yet, but saw some people he had to. PHIL thinks that ARNOLD went fishing. MORRIS said he saw ISADORE (WOPSY) but would tell PHIL about that later. MORRIS said he would drop by ARNOLD's place which PHIL said was at 14th and 5th Ave.

MORRIS then said he is supposed to get a hold of MARY (KAUFMAN) but can't get her until about 6 o'clock. PHIL agreed to pick up MORRIS around 4 or 5 that day. MORRIS asked about LENA (SCHERER). PHIL said they will make arrangement to drop over and see her.

For information.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-1502-6156)

FROM: SA EDWARD A. SMITH

SUBJECT: BUCKS COUNTY SECTION, CPEPD
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9/18/59

On 8/31/59, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA EDWARD A. SMITH of the following. This information was dictated on 9/1/59 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [] on 9/1/59, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 9/1/59. It is maintained in []

"Philadelphia, Pa.
August 31, 1959

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"On Thursday, [] and [] visited the residence of FRANK [] and [] in Bucks County. [] previously made arrangements with [] to meet on this date. Upon arrival, [] gave [] which was one-half of the receipts from a party sponsored by the Bucks County CP people. During the discussion with [] [] mentioned that [] paid back the bail fund money to some people in Bucks County. These people were not specifically identified. It was suggested that a club meeting be held on September 4, 1959, with [] and [] in attendance.

① - New York (RM)
1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)

- 1 - 100-1502-6156
- 1 - 100-30295 (CPUSA-FUNDS)
- 1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART)
- 1 - 100-44178 []
- 1 - 100-23239 []
- 1 - 100-541 []
- 1 - 65-1686 []
- 1 - 100-12294 []
- 1 - 100-40449 []
- 1 - 100-30243 []
- 1 - 100-20310 []
- 1 - 100-13 SUB A []

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[] discussed with [] club and related they had not done any reading and had sat around and disagreed. He stated that [] and his wife, an individual named LAWRENCE or LEONARD, and another individual are in complete agreement, but that the rest of the members of [] club oppose him and refuse to pay their CP dues."

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Confidential Informant [] reported 8/13/59 that [] and PHIL BART met with the [] in an effort to settle some of the arguments and dissatisfaction within this club. [] reported that [] was one of the persons agreeing with [] [] is probably identical with the "LAWRENCE" mentioned above.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM *** U. S. Government

TO : SAC, Milwaukee (100-42-1) DATE: 9/16/59

FROM : SA RUSSELL D. JONES

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA
WISCONSIN DISTRICT
ORGANIZATION
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[REDACTED] IS A HIGHLY SENSITIVE SOURCE OF INFORMATION OF THE MILWAUKEE OFFICE AND EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED IN HANDLING INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THIS INFORMANT.

On 9/3/59 [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was going to have a get together (for Saturday, [REDACTED] but she didn't know how many would show up. Informant advised that [REDACTED] held a discussion at [REDACTED]

In discussing leaflets it was decided that GILMAN would run off 1,000 and send them out. FRED BLAIR said he wanted to hold out 100 so that he could send a bunch to New York.

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2 - New York	(1 - MAX GORDON)	1 - 100-11125	(A. SHAW)
	(1 - PHIL BART)	1 - 100-11187	(N. SHAW)
1 - 61-142	(A. SLATER)	1 - 100-11638	[REDACTED]
1 - 100-3	(S. EISENSCHER)	1 - 100-12304	(ASC)
1 - 100-4	(F. BLAIR)	1 - 100-13207	(J. MOSCOE)
1 - 100-40	(D. MCCAIN)	1 - 100-4-sub 3-100	
1 - 100-42-H	(Membership)		
1 - 100-42-X	(Pamphlets & Publications)		
1 - 100-42-Y	(Factionalism)		
1 - 100-133	[REDACTED]		
1 - 100-574	(F. CHESNIK)		
1 - 100-694	[REDACTED]		
1 - 100-749	(J. KNOX)		
1 - 100-754	(N. CHRISTENSEN)		
1 - 100-760	(J. RODY)		
1 - 100-1256	(M. SAVOLA)		
1 - 100-6182	(G. EISENSCHER)		
1 - 100-6691	(M. BLAIR)		
1 - 100-10197	(C. BERBERICH)		
1 - 100-10213	(J. GILMAN)		
1 - 100-10433	[REDACTED]		
1 - 100-10536	(T. SILVERSTEIN)		
1 - 100-10612	(H. GILMAN)		
1 - 100-10714			

Indexed: BURTON MOSCOE
ED (LNU)
BERNICE (LNU)
GEORGE (LNU)

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Membership

JOHN GILMAN stated that he has a list of rank and filers in his possession. GILMAN said that a girl came over to have dinner with GILMAN and told him she wanted to join the Party. He said she was a good person, but was very nervous. One of her sisters is in the Party in New York and one came here and told her she must get back in the Party. GILMAN said she has a job as a file clerk at \$50 per week, has a nine year old daughter and is presently obtaining a divorce. GILMAN stated that she used to be in the professional group, but did not do anything as they met in secret.

It was suggested that they start a club and put her and HELEN GILMAN and another couple together. To this GILMAN stated he did not want her demoralized and wanted to put her in a new club that would do something. FRED BLAIR said it would be bad to put her in JOHN's club as she would not fit there. GILMAN stated this individual was in the YCL or YCA when he met her in 1948 and 1949. During the discussion BLAIR instructed GILMAN to hold her off for a while until they can put her in the proper place. BLAIR said it would be good to put her in BLAIR's club, but not to bring her to BLAIR's house.

JOHN GILMAN stated that one BERNICE (LNU) was coming to the picnic on Monday and described her husband as a psychiatrist and stated that BERNICE is a good friend of HELEN GILMAN. He said her husband makes over \$100 a week, but does not give the Party a dime. BLAIR stated that he does not know what her husband's status is.

MARY BLAIR said that TEDDY and [redacted] were in the professional club. FRED BLAIR is of the opinion that it might be good to separate SIG (EISENSCHER) from GRACE (EISENSCHER) in a club. GRACE doesn't come to meetings and tries to influence SIG not to come.

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GILMAN stated that PHIL BART was HELEN (GILMAN's) sectional organizer when she was a kid. FRED BLAIR stated that he had heard that MAX GORDON dropped out of the Party when "The Worker" folded up.

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Factionalism

GILMAN said AL SHAW goes to the conferences, but never volunteers to tell the people about the results of the conferences. He said that SHAW has a lot of information, but if you don't ask him you never hear about it.

Labor Day Picnic

JOE (RODY) is to get the lambs for the picnic. Some of the Party members plan to attend the Croatian Picnic on Sunday to distribute leaflets and talk to various people in attendance. It was decided that at the Labor Day Picnic NELS (CHRISTENSEN) will take tickets. MATT (SAVOLA) and JOHN (GILMAN) will handle the entertainment. AGNES (SLATER) will do sketches. DOUG (McCAIN) will prepare spare ribs and chicken and SIG EISENSCHER will be chairman.

Labor Day Weekend

A meeting is planned with some of the people who have dropped out of the Party.

[redacted] told GILMAN he would not attend this meeting, but he did give GILMAN \$10.00 for "The Worker." FRED BLAIR stated he would not talk to [redacted] without first checking with AL (SHAW) because he SHAW is responsible. GILMAN said [redacted] is a member of the American Socialist Club and that GILMAN gets "The Worker" for him at GILMAN's store and further that he will not come into Mary's Bookshop. AL is employed as a floor layer. b6 b7C

FRED BLAIR said that they were to go to Racine and Kenosha Sunday a.m., but that fell through so nothing was planned for that time. GILMAN said he would be away Sunday afternoon on a picnic so if they wanted to they could use his house, between 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. GILMAN is to see MATT [redacted], ALAN [redacted] and AL SHAW about the 8:00 o'clock meeting Sunday.

Miscellaneous

GILMAN said that HELEN (GILMAN), NENA BETH SHAW, ED and BERNICE (LNU) will help address envelopes for mailing. JO MOSCOE and

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BURTON MOSCOE were at JOHN GILMAN's to help on the mailing, but the mailing was not ready. GILMAN stated that he wanted to take copies of "The Worker" at his home and deliver them door to door.

GILMAN stated that his club meets the first Wednesday of each month and that last Wednesday JIM (KNOX), CORA (BERBERICH) and NELS (CHRISTENSEN) came to his home, but no meeting was held as the others forgot about the meeting.

A discussion was held concerning a GEORGE (LNU) about 24 years of age, who works at Nash Motors and it was suggested that he be taken out to (FRANK) CHESNIK or LEON LETWIN.

Names in parenthesis supplied by the writer.

Action:

1. Attempt to identify ED and BERNICE, ED is apparently a psychiatrist.
2. Attempt to identify unknown woman with 9 year old child who is obtaining a divorce. In YCL and YCA in 1948-49.
3. Consider anonymous source at residence of JOHN GILMAN.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

201 East 69th Street
New York 21, New York

September 18, 1959

Mr. Edward L. Braune, Agent
New York Telephone Company
140 West Street
New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Braune:

In connection with an official investigation being conducted by this office, it is requested that you furnish listings for the following telephone numbers:

UL 9-1254

Your personal attention in protecting the confidential nature of our inquiry in this matter is greatly appreciated and I wish to express my thanks for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

H. G. FOSTER
Special Agent in Charge

1 - New York (100-56579)

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SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

PHILIP BAET
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Reurairtel, 9/4/59, captioned CPUSA Connecticut District, IS-C, (CINAL), re possible visit of subject to New Haven on 9/11-13/59.

For information subject had made plans to go to Boston during the above period, but "they fell through". Subject left on 9/13/59, for Philadelphia, Pa. for a three day business visit. If NYO becomes aware of subject anticipating a trip to New Haven they will be immediately advised.

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- 2 - New Haven (100-) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-56579)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

9/4/59

SAC, PORTLAND (100-3952-Sub 14)

CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one autostatic copy of a mimeographed letter dated August 7, 1959, over the mimeographed typed signature of PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, addressed "To all clubs" concerning the decision of the (CP,USA) National Committee at its July meeting to take a referendum of Article 5, Section 5 of the Constitution, which deals with the election to the National Committee. The bottom portion of this letter sets forth the referendum to be voted on.

Three copies of instant letter, together with an autostatic copy of the enclosure above-described are being forwarded to the New York Office for information.

[redacted] on 9/1/59, made available on a temporary basis to SA [redacted] a copy of the document referred to above, which informant was given at a Communist Party club meeting held [redacted]

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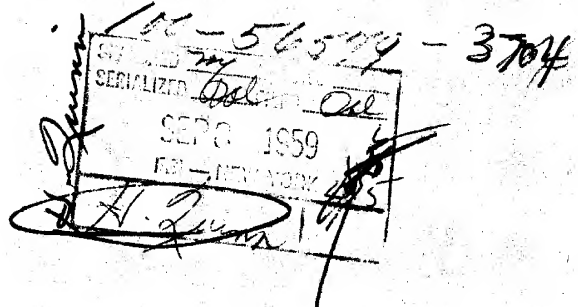
[redacted] During the club meeting above-mentioned, those club members present voted in favor of deleting Section 5 of Article 5 of the constitution.

[redacted] advised that the document was turned over to the informant in order that he in turn might personally contact those club members not in attendance at the meeting, at which the club voted on the matter. Informant is to return the original to the state chairman at a meeting of the state board scheduled to be held on the night of 9/2/59.

One autostatic copy of the document above-mentioned, appropriately identified by the informant is being filed in Portland file 100-3952-Sub 14-1A.

2-Bureau (RM) (Encl.-1)
3-New York (RM) (Encl.-1)
(2--100-80641)
(1--100- [redacted] PHIL BART)
2-Portland (100-3952-Sub 14)
[redacted]

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SAC, NEWARK (100-4284 D)

9/15/59

SA VINCENT E. MURPHY

CP, USA
N.J. DISTRICT
MEMBERSHIP
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE
DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS CAREFULLY AND
PROPERLY PARAPHRASED. IT IS NOTED THAT THIS WAS A PRIVATE
CONVERSATION WITH THE INFORMANT.

[] advised SAS JOHN A. HAAG of the NYO and VINCENT E. MURPHY of the Newark Office on 9/9/59 that PHIL BART of the National Office privately advised in August, 1959 (8/31/59) that ONCHER (first name not mentioned) from Brooklyn gave him the name of an individual in Cresskill, N.J. ONCHER stated this person has been coming to him for sometime and has stated that she and six other individuals want to be in the Party but no one will come around to see them. She stated that the six are ready to meet at any minute and they feel that they can possibly get three to four additional individuals interested. ONCHER requested BART to take this matter up with the N.J. district of the CP, USA to see whether someone would go to see this group. b7D

BART made available a piece of scrap paper received from ONCHER which stated as follows: "this person plus 6 more want in. I gave this information to MAE -- 4 months ago." On the other side of this paper was the name 'RUTH WARREN, 59 Chestnut Street, Cresskill, N.J. (ONCHER)"

3 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)

- 1 - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 1 - 100- (FNU) ONCHER, Brooklyn
- 1 - []

Newark:

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- 1 - 100-4284 D
- 1 - 100- (RUTH WARREN)
- 1 - 100-4284-4K-1 (BERGEN COUNTY)
- 1 - []

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H. J. [unclear]

OFFICE MEMORANDUM ** UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-428009)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-34705)
SUBJECT: UNITED STATES FESTIVAL COMMITTEE
(7TH WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL)
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 9/15/59

CARE SHOULD BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on September 13, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on September 15, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 6 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-134505) (United States Festival Committee) (7th World Youth Festival)
 - (1 - 100-86624) (CP-USA, International Relations)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-80644) (CP-USA, Youth Matters)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
 - (1 - 100-135736) (MARVIN MARKMAN)
- 2 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)

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100-56579-3706

John E. Keating
H. L. Quinn

September 13, 1959

During the weekend of September 11-13, 1959, PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, stated that the Resident Board or resident National Executive Committee of the Communist Party - USA recently heard a report by MARVIN MARKMAN on the 7th World Youth Festival held in Vienna, Austria.

BART stated that MARKMAN announced that henceforth these festivals will be held once every three years instead of once every two years.

BART said that MARKMAN stated that the United States delegation was composed as follows; one-third of the delegates were pro-Communist; one-third of the delegates were neutral; and the other one-third consisted of the Chicago group, which had "85 F.B.I. Agents".

According to BART, MARKMAN stated that the group which was organized to disrupt the festival was obviously in the pay of the United States State Department and/or United States intelligence agencies. He said that while most of the delegates from all the countries lived in tents, this American group lived in hotels and took life easy. They hired buses which went to the Hungarian border. They had money to print leaflets. Yet, they antagonized the local population, were looked upon as disrupters by the other delegations and suffered setbacks. They did not hurt the festival and did unmask the role of the United States as a country interfering in the affairs and activities of other countries.

BART stated that MARKMAN reported that at first the Austrian press ignored the festival, but after a couple of days had to give publicity to this huge gathering. He said that at one rally in a stadium which holds 95,000 people, there were 90,000 present and one part of the stadium was left vacant because of a fire-works display. MARKMAN reported that there was a huge delegation from Latin America with 800 delegates from Venezuela alone.

MARKMAN also reported that he has received invitations and will be lecturing to various groups on campuses.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-4284)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) (415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
IS - C

DATE: 9/17/59

Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished
reliable info in past (conceal)

Description of info Info re [redacted]
[redacted]

Date received 9/2/59

Received by SA JOHN A. HAAG (oral)

Original location [redacted]

Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the
following info in order to protect the identity of informant.

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Information received from informant, as set forth
above, was dictated by SA HAAG to [redacted] on 9/3/59,
transcribed on 9/4/59, and authenticated by informant on 9/9/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

7 - Newark (100-4284) (Info) (RM)

(1 - [redacted])
(1 - 100-19491 [redacted])
(1 - 65-770 [redacted])
(1 - 100-3291 [redacted])
(1 - 100- [redacted])
(1 - 100- [redacted])

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1 - NY [redacted] (Inv) (41)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART) (422)
1 - NY 100-16785 [redacted] (415)
1 - NY 100-16021 [redacted] (415)
1 - NY 100-18065 [redacted] (15)
1 - NY 100-80641 (415)

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On [] a meeting was held at Communist Party Headquarters, New York City. Those present were:



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The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recent [] CP. [] opened the meeting by reviewing the New Jersey situation; in particular, the antagonistic attitude of [] [] pointed out that these members have been attacking him as a CP leader in an effort to gain recognition and possible position in the CP in view of the fact that the State and National Conventions are to take place in the next few months.

After listening to [] explanation of the New Jersey situation, [] who took the main role of the meeting, then spoke. His remarks were in the direction that he believed it necessary for the National Office of the CP to forcefully intervene in the New Jersey situation in support of []. He stated that it is clear that the issues in New Jersey and the rising mobilization of the board members against the chair stems from the unscrupulous anti-leadership tendencies on the part of variegated elements, i.e., those from the left, those from the right and those seeking personal gains. He stated that these antagonistic elements are striving to strike at the national leadership of the Party and the national policy of the Party and to do so they have to weaken [] of the National Committee and as defender of the policies of the Party. [] said it was here that this rising cloud in New Jersey is similar to that rising in a number of other districts and can only be ascribed to the efforts of certain unhealthy elements to get some things in motion with the idea of trying to utilize and influence the National Convention. All these uprisings are part of the picture with the idea of taking over the National Convention.

NY 100-80641

[] stated that if [] because of discouragement or a gang-up against him, the leadership that would come into being in New Jersey would be, as far as the National Office is concerned, very unacceptable and dubious. [] leadership composed of people who are unfriendly to and very critical of the National leadership.

He criticized [] for failing to see that if he stepped out he was therefore abdicating to what would become an unacceptable kind of leadership. b7D

He analyzed what a leadership in New Jersey would look like with [] out. It would be a leadership whose main authority would be [] of the [] an unprincipled maneuverer, and [] a moody, temperamental person who specializes in tantrums. Such a leadership, he said, would be anti-National Office and a source of political infection and factionalism.

[] said it would be better, as hard as it may be, to move resolutely to consolidate around [] all the good elements of the CP in New Jersey and to give political support and backing and to systematically strive to isolate and make ineffective those who want to maneuver or toy with anti-National policies.

He proposed that the National Office immediately set up a committee of three top leadership people to go into New Jersey and convene something along the lines of a caucus. They should have a meeting of those members of the board and state committee who they view as elements to be drawn into the leadership against the disruptive elements. He said they should have some frank talks with them, lay the cards on the table and strive to unite these good elements into a bloc for unity of the Party. He said obviously this meeting would exclude [] He said that this leadership should try to lay out a progression of activities and issues relating to work for the CP and campaigns to be undertaken and concentrate all attention and weight on that.

NY 100-80641

To the extent to which these factional elements will not help or go along with the program will enable the leadership to expose and isolate them as to their ulterior purposes. Such a thing is essential to prevent them from personalizing the struggle and making headway by dealing in personalities and minor issues.

[redacted] then spoke along the same lines as [redacted]. He expressed the view that [redacted] should not feel that the situation in New Jersey is his own private headache or that he is personally accountable for it. He said by the same token his stepping aside will not, in any way, help to solve it.

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He too stated that the onset and sharpness of factions is associated with the coming of the convention and he used the phrase that with the announcement of the convention "you have a case where all the worms start to climb from out of the rocks" and try to make something that will build up at the convention. [redacted] was also critical of [redacted] resignation in that it had all the earmarks of an abdication and handing the New Jersey Party over to people who have shown they mean no good to the CP.

[redacted] merely declared that this being so he feels it necessary that the National Office and the National Executive Committee swing its weight in proper fashion to back up [redacted] in New Jersey, strengthen him and help him scuttle the unprincipled crew.

He said if we could supplant the personality program and settle issues and argumentations by a positive and constructive program such would attract all the good people to one side and isolate those who want to pursue the destructive course. He was for sharp and decisive steps against the rightist element and against those of an unscrupulous nature who want to maneuver.

[redacted] could not be induced into the discussion at this meeting. He made only brief remarks, but did not participate at length as the others. Whether this reserved attitude is due to his not wanting to become a figure in the dispute or whether he does not want to go out on a limb concern-

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ing [] is unknown. [] are close friends as is []

[] did indicate his agreement with the others and his belief that the position in New Jersey is not in the main good or even pro-Party.

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BART agreed fully with the general estimate made by the others and believed it would result in disaster if [] [] He said it is necessary to withdraw [] as soon as possible and necessary for the National Office to move in and gain support. He agreed as to the characteristic of [] as a stay-behind of the right wing. [] he believes to have no loyalty for the CP, but is a man who is trying to find a way to get out of the CP by creating conditions which will establish him as a martyr and that the CP is no good. But BART said [] is still in the CP and has to be dealt with.

[] then asked of the CP to deal with him in such a way to defeat his purpose and prevent him from taking a bloc away from the Party with him.

BART stated he disagreed with [] as to how to remedy the situation. He did not want a semi-official type or caucus type of meeting. He said it must be an official meeting to prevent it from being construed as a caucus which would be open to criticism. BART proposed, along the lines of [] that three members of the national leadership meet with the full New Jersey Board, open the subject and strive to separate the sides. He said also that it is a National Office responsibility and the National Office should step down and give some help.

He proposed that [] be officially answered by the NEC by writing a letter to the New Jersey State Board stating that it is the opinion of the National Office that []

[] The National Office should state that they will work with him and the New Jersey Board

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on a constructive program of Party activity. BART stated that this letter and the appearance of the three members of the National leadership would show the New Jersey Board that the National Office has political confidence in [] and is urging all good men of the Board to rally and will urge that they unite together on a program of constructive CP work and invite everyone to join. Those who wish to pursue a personality campaign will be so identified and isolated.

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These conclusions were all accepted and on September 1, 1959, they were to be presented to the Resident NEC members at the Party Headquarters, for their approval. BART stated that [] would be informed of the decision of the Resident NEC.

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Bureau advised of above by airtel dated 9/2/59.

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9/17/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

CP KINGS COUNTY
IS - C

On 8/22/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had discussed a number of matters at their residence. During the discussion CONNIE mentioned that there had been fifteen people at the meeting the previous evening which she attended. She said that things were a bit disorganized now as the members who were elected to the County Committee are not around and the county staff is functioning from day to day. BART mentioned to CONNIE that the Kings County CP should wait after the National Committee meeting to have a County Convention in order to see how things go at the NC and what is decided. He said that the District Convention should be in January and the Section Conventions in February.

He also mentioned that relative to the NC every person who is not a member at large should pay \$75.00 to defray the expenses of those attending the convention, including NY. He said that the last time during the convention they were caught short-handed financially when these people came and they were not in a position to reimburse them.

- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-30341) (CP ORGANIZATION) (415)
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SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

MARY KAUFMAN
SM - C

On 8/27/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during a conversation at their residence PHIL BART mentioned to CONNIE, his wife, that he had met LOUIS WEINSTOCK who had told him that he had seen MARY KAUFMAN who had just returned from her trip to Russia. He said that KAUFMAN had great praise for the factories in Russia and described them as a paradise for workers. She told him that they are old buildings but that the machines and the equipment are knew.

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
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SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

GENE DENNIS
SM - C

On 9/2/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during a discussion at their residence that PHIL BART had complained to his wife regarding GENE DENNIS staying away on vacation so long and not telling anyone when he would definitely return. He said that DENNIS was very unwise to take six weeks vacation subjecting himself to criticism. He said that DENNIS' position is so weak and he is so unpopular that he was giving ammunition to the opposition. He said that if a real fight opens up against him, he will not be able to stand up under it.

CONNIE BART mentioned the fact that JIM JACKSON had been away on seven weeks vacation. PHIL commented that JACKSON was another unpopular person who was also jeopardizing himself. He advised that both he and DENNIS should have taken three weeks vacation and taken some additional time at Christmas.

The BARTS then both praised BILL PATTERSON and GEORGE MORRIS as hard workers who are not like DENNIS or JACKSON.

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON) (415)
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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) (415)

FROM: SA [REDACTED] b6
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DATE: 9/10/59

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM - C

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NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58 verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker", an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

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ROBERT G. OFTEDAL
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STEPHEN FEDUNIAK

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-3740)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-11032)

MORRIS CHILDS
IS-C

Source: NY 2418-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)

Characterization: Who has furnished reliable information
in the past

NY 2418-S* reported on 9/12/59, a male (probably MORRIS CHILDS) contacted JACKSON and said he might be back in 3 to 5 days and wanted to talk a bit with JACKSON. CHILDS indicated he knew JACKSON was "working on something" and said he had to get a copy. CHILDS said he is staying at his usual hotel and is waiting for JACK (CHILDS), who is out of town, to come in. CHILDS indicated he had to see PHIL (BART) and a couple of other people and might not be able to see JACKSON until the next day.

NY 2418-S* reported on 9/13/59, MORRIS (CHILDS) contacted JACKSON and said he was going over to see MARY (probably MARY KAUFMAN) and said he might be able to come to JACKSON's when he leaves MARY's. MORRIS indicated he had to get a plane in the afternoon but definitely wanted to see JACKSON.

- 1- Chicago (100-3740) (Info) (RM)
- 1- New York (100-8529) (MARY KAUFMAN) (425)
- 1- New York (100-64061) (JACK CHILDS) (415)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (134-91) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16785) (JAMES E. JACKSON) (415)
- 1- New York (100-11032)

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 9/21/59

FROM : SACHAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
IS-CIdentity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

Date: 9/15/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/15/59, [redacted]
contacted CONNIE (BART) and PHIL (BART). [redacted] advised he would
stop by the BART place about 7:45 that night as CONNIE has
something there for him.

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1- New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1- New York (100-120617) [redacted] (422)
1- New York (100-56579) (415)

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3284)

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Sam
SAC, NY (100-56579)

PHIL BART
IS-C; SA-40
(WEEKLY SUMMARY 9/13-20/59)
CINAL

On 9/13/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject and his wife discussed the subject's leaving that morning for Philadelphia on CP business. Subject advised that he expected to return to NY on Tuesday at the very latest.

On 9/15/59, [] advised that the subject was in attendance at a meeting of the District Committee of the CP of Eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware held on []

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On 9/15/59, NY 1750-S* advised that the subject told his wife that he had attended a number of CP membership meetings in Philadelphia during his trip. He said that there are only a few CP members outside of Philadelphia in the Pennsylvania District and that all of the Party strength was in Philadelphia itself. He continued that the district there was not developing any leadership and that the young people were not being brought along in the various organizational set ups. He told his wife that there are eleven CP clubs in Philadelphia. He said that during his stay there, he had spent some time with JIM DOLSON. He said he was also impressed with a Negro CP member who he referred to as ESTELLE (LNU) who is in charge of a club as well as a Section Committee and who devotes all her time to this work. He said that there are definitely going to have to be some changes made "down there." Subject's wife commented that if he made any changes in Philadelphia he would probably be accused of white chauvinism. The subject commented that she was right and that is just the way BEN DAVIS operates.

Subject and his wife later discussed the visit of KHRUSHCHEV and the subject described him as a real proletarian leader who is showing up EISENHOWER with his dynamic personality. He said that KHRUSHCHEV'S not wearing a white tie and tails to the presidential dinner was a good idea. Commenting on the reception KHRUSHCHEV received in Washington, the subject noted

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that a car had proceeded the parade with a sign saying "no cheering just polite silence." BART commented that they had not shown this on T.V.

Later the subject's wife asked him how he had made out in his meeting with BEN DAVIS. Subject said that the meeting had improved their relationship. She then asked him if he had mentioned WALTER BARRY in their meeting and the subject commented that he had not said anything about BARRY, but had spoken mostly about PAT TOOHEY. (This reference probably refers to BART'S report to the NEC regarding his recent trip and attendance at CP District Board meeting in New Jersey.)

NY 1750-S* advised on 9/16/59, that the subject and his wife discussed their plans for that evening. Subject's wife advised him that he was supposed to speak at a meeting in Flatbush that evening and that he would be able to find out more about it, from [redacted] and INA (HOLFANT). She commented that she was going to attend a meeting that evening of the Kings County CP Board, which was to be held at the home of TOM MEYERSCOUGH. b6 b7C

NY 1750-S* advised on 9/17/59, that the subject had commented to his wife that on the radio news that morning the announcement had been made about a dozen different times that KHRUSHCHEV would not visit "the shabby headquarters of the CPUSA in New York." The subject commented that it was too bad someone did not mention the fact that the headquarters is located in the former home of the VANDERBILTS.

On 9/18/59, the subject was observed entering CP Headquarters, NYC, where a full meeting of the NEC, CPUSA was to be held. This meeting was later adjourned and held at the Hotel Chelsea, 222 West 23rd Street, NYC.

CG 5824-S* advised on 9/18/59, that the subject was present at the NEC meeting held at the Chelsea Hotel. The meeting took up a report of EUGENE DENNIS on the visit of KHRUSHCHEV and IRVING POTASH followed with a report on the steel strike.

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NY 1749-S* advised that CONNIE BART had contacted LENA SCHERER and SCHERER had mentioned that a friend of theirs had done a wonderful job on getting tickets for them to the UN to watch KHRUSHCHEV deliver his speech. She also noted that she had seen ALEXANDER TRACHTENBERG, JIM ALLEN, JOE NORTH, and ALPHEUS HUNTON at the UN.

CG 5824-S* advised on 9/19/59, that PHIL BART had been present at a meeting of the NEC held on that date at the Chelsea Hotel. The agenda for the meeting was entirely that of CP leadership.

NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had contacted his wife at which time she told him that ANDY ONDA (former Pittsburgh CP functionary, residing in Brooklyn) had died that morning in the doctor's office where he had gone for a treatment for another ailment.

This source also advised that later the subject had contacted BILL ALBERTSON and advised him that he was trying to make arrangements for ONDA'S funeral and burial and that they would need something like \$600.00 for the expenses.

NY 1749-S* advised on 9/20/59, that the subject had contacted CARL BRODSKY and JIM JACKSON regarding various arrangements for the funeral and burial of ANDY ONDA.

NY 1750-S* advised on 9/20/59, that the subject had advised his wife that he is sorry that he got involved in making arrangements for the ONDA funeral. He commented it is the type of thing he did not like to handle as it could cause trouble even though ONDA was still a Communist. The subject and his wife later discussed BETTY GANNETT and he commented that she has such a "lousy" disposition he suspects she is a psychopath. He said that she has some type of disturbance and and definitely should get some treatment. He said he had never seen anyone so disagreeable. His wife commented that GANNETT was "a very odd person."

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NY 1749-S* advised that the subject had been in contact later that evening with JIM TORMEY and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN regarding arrangements for the ONDA funeral.

This source also advised that MORRIS CHILDS later contacted the subject's residence and spoke with CONNIE BART. He told her that he was at LENA (SCHERER'S) and that he would try to see CONNIE on his next trip to New York. CHILDS said that he had wanted to talk to PHIL but that since the subject had already left, he would wait until he saw him personally.

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Date: 9/23/59

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Via AIRTEL RM
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-88)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-87211)

SUBJECT: CP, USA - FACTIONALISM
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CINAL

On 9/22/59 NY 2318-S* advised that BETTY GANNETT contacted ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN to relate the events that occurred at the funeral of ANDY ONDA, 9/22/59, former CP functionary who was aligned with left wing elements in the Party.

GANNETT said the funeral turned into a "free for all", that CHARLIE LOMAN had come in from Chicago and that AL LANNON sent a letter from San Francisco. She said that things got progressively worse at the cemetery located at Valhalla, NY describing it as "a fiasco" and the "battle of Valhalla". GANNETT said that a fist fight almost started at the cemetery, that they refused to allow BEN DAVIS to speak and that HY LUMER who was the chairman was only allowed to

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1- Chicago (100- CHARLIE LOMAN) (Info) (RM)
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read the letter sent by AL LANNON. CHARLIE LOMAN delivered the main talk and THERESA ONDA, ~~wife of the~~ deceased, told PHIL BART that the CP had murdered her husband. BEN DAVIS charged that CHARLIE LOMAN should have been expelled from the CP before he left for Chicago which now has the problem to contend with.

FLYNN commented that the CP made a mistake in trying to take over the affair but should have left it to the "Leftists". She said the whole affair was disgraceful and bemoaned the fact that they (CP) had paid the funeral expenses only to end up being called murderers. She promised to devote a column in "The Worker" to the incident.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, BALTIMORE [REDACTED]

FROM : SA ROBERT C. NORTON

SUBJECT: INFORMATION FURNISHED
BY SECURITY INFORMANT

DATE: 9/15/59

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The documentation for this information is as follows:

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OF THE INFORMANT MAY BE FULLY PROTECTED

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The text of the informant's statement is as follows:

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"Baltimore, Maryland
August 18, 1959

The following report concerns a CP [redacted] meeting of the Maryland - [redacted] at the home of [redacted] Maryland. Present at the meeting in addition to [redacted]

After phoning, [redacted] home about 8:35 PM in his automobile and picked up [redacted] commented that [redacted] had left for New York on a two day visit.

En route for [redacted] said that something would have to be done about the Steel Club. He said that the CP wanted to generate activity around the steel strike, but

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[redacted] were acting in a middle class manner. [redacted] said that though these two had contacts in steel, they could not apparently start any agitation which would cause the [redacted]

[redacted] said that he wasn't satisfied with the way [redacted] had conducted himself at the last [redacted] meeting, and that [redacted] reports and proposals could have been better.

[redacted] then said that he had learned [redacted] that Local 2609, USA-CIO, had made a deal with the Continental Can Company local whereby 400 steelworkers were to go to work for the Continental Can Company. [redacted] said the drawback to this arrangement was that Continental Can insisted that the 400 workers be white. [redacted] said that this sort of thing was contrary to CP policies, and they would discuss the matter at the [redacted] meeting that evening.

[redacted] then said that he had contacted [redacted] Sunday and that [redacted] had followed instructions concerning the attempted mobilization of rank and file workers at the shipyard in an effort to

[redacted]

cause union officials to move against the company because the men were working without a union contract.

[redacted] then said that [redacted] as a [redacted] should act in accordance with Party policies. and if not the [redacted] would take action. [redacted] who has always claimed that [redacted] had no interest in the [redacted] could now put pressure on [redacted]

[redacted] said he and [redacted] had been out Saturday morning distributing Worker supplements concerning the banning of nuclear tests, and that they had discussed [redacted] action concerning employment with Continental Can and felt it to be a serious offense.

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The two then discussed the fact that [redacted] former CP member, had [redacted] [redacted] said that [redacted] had talked to [redacted] about the matter, and did not get a clear answer. [redacted] said that he planned to talk to [redacted] since the Party should clear up that type of accusation. [redacted] then went to [redacted]

At about 9:30 PM, [redacted] arrived and the four went upstairs to a room at the right of the head of the stairs.

At about 9:40 PM, [redacted] got the meeting under way by announcing that there would be a CP National Committee meeting in New York, September 18-19, 1959, and he would attend. He then said that the discussion that evening would concern:

1. A discussion on the Theoretical Aspects of the Negro Question with [redacted] to give a report

[redacted] then interrupted and said that he had not brought his notes, and after discussion it was decided to discuss that point at the next meeting.

[redacted] then said that the next point on the agenda would be a discussion on the recent [redacted] meeting, and a discussion led by [redacted] on a serious problem in steel.

[redacted] then said that he thought the [redacted]

[redacted]

Committee meeting had been well run with good reports given by [redacted] member, and [redacted] and they both had seemed interested in exerting pressure against union officials.

[redacted] then said that it did not appear that [redacted] was interested in mass activity although he had made some good suggestions and had done good things in the past. [redacted] said it did not appear that [redacted] had grasped the idea of a broad CP activity around the steel strike, nor has he grasped the idea of Negro and white unity.

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[redacted] then explained the recent deal made between Local 2609, USA-CIO, and the Continental Can local. [redacted] said further that [redacted] had sat in as a union official on the deal when it was made, and had been one of the 400 hired by Continental Can.

[redacted] said that he and [redacted] had discussed the matter the previous Saturday, and that he had visited [redacted] the morning of August 16th around 10:00 AM. [redacted] said that [redacted] had visitors and he had been unable to talk to him at length.

[redacted] then commented that he understood that [redacted] CP Steel Club member, [redacted]

[redacted] said that he thought this situation was serious, and that he would try to see [redacted] again about the matter the following day.

[redacted] then pointed out that there would be a steel meeting that night, but [redacted] would not be present since he was working 3 - 11:00 PM.

[redacted] then said that he agreed with [redacted] and [redacted] that it was a dangerous situation, pointing out that [redacted] had always questioned [redacted] attitude. [redacted] went on to say that [redacted] should not raise the question of Continental Can employment at the steel meeting until the District Board had made a decision since an open discussion on the matter by the Steel Club might split that club wide open.

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[redacted] then said that he felt that [redacted] should be called before the [redacted] for an explanation.

[redacted] said that she agreed with [redacted] and [redacted] and although she felt that [redacted] made a good report on the steel strike at the [redacted] meeting, and although much of his thinking seemed to be extreme left, he was in error when he said that there was no difference between white and Negro comrades in the trade union movement.

[redacted] interrupted, and said that that was an old "wobbly" statement.

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[redacted] then went on to say that there was a definite difference between the position of Negro and white comrades not only in the trade union movement, but even within the Party itself, and that the Negroes were always under greater pressure.

[redacted] then said that she did not know why [redacted] [redacted] had not attended the most recent [redacted] meeting. She said that in recent months only one person from [redacted] had attended a [redacted] meeting, and that was [redacted] [redacted] said that she felt that all clubs should be represented at such a meeting, and that the people at [redacted] would have more confidence in the Party if they were represented at such meetings.

[redacted] looked embarrassed, and was unable to give a satisfactory explanation for [redacted] absence.

[redacted] then said that the last [redacted] meeting was the best that had been held in recent years, and that he had been greatly impressed by the discussions. [redacted] said that the biggest problem was [redacted] who appears to be working with company officials and company lawyers. He said that he did not feel that [redacted] was carrying out Party activity properly, but could not put his finger on the trouble. He went on to say that [redacted] had been in the Party long enough to know how to act, and that he felt that [redacted] as a Party

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leader should be on the picket line as much as possible and always ready to defend the Party position on Negro and white unity, and as a Party member should have been very critical of the Continental Can deal.

[redacted] said he felt the [redacted] should take some action regarding [redacted] and he did not feel he should [redacted] He said the CP was in enough danger from the ultra left, the right revisionists, and the reactionary forces in the United States without having a Party member such as [redacted] causing the Negro comrades to become angry with him.

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[redacted] then handed out a form dated August 7, 1959, which was signed "PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary," and which bore upon the fact that Section 5 of Article V of the CP constitution should be changed. [redacted] said that the [redacted] should study the statement that he was handing out and be ready to discuss it at the next meeting.

The four then discussed how to handle the [redacted] situation, and it was finally decided that [redacted] and [redacted] should represent the [redacted] see [redacted] over the weekend, and try to get him to change his attitude.

They then agreed that the next [redacted] meeting would be held [redacted]

[redacted] then passed out copies of the August issue of Political Affairs and the August issue of Masses and Mainstream.

[redacted] said he had ordered three books for the [redacted] [redacted] entitled "The Colonial Era" by HERBERT APTHEKER at \$2.00 a copy. The [redacted] members then each said that they would pay for their individual copy.

[redacted] then passed out pamphlets entitled "We Dissent," which pertained to a recent United States Supreme Court decision.

[redacted] then went to a closet in the room and got out

[redacted]

envelopes which held CP funds.

[redacted] then passed CP literature bills to [redacted]

[redacted] then gave \$2.00 to [redacted] which he said he had received from [redacted] for CP literature.

[redacted] gave \$5.00 to [redacted] which he said he had received as payment for CP literature.

[redacted] announced that he had paid \$5.00 for the pamphlet "We Dissent."

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[redacted] said that they had \$60.00 in the treasury to be sent to New York for the CP fund drive. [redacted] instructed her to send \$35.00 and keep \$25.00 on hand.

[redacted] then gave [redacted] \$58.00, but the reason for the payment was not explained.

The meeting ended about 11:10 PM. "

This memo has been compared with informant's original statement and it is accurate in substance.

On page 6 of instant report reference is made to a form dated "August 7, 1959" which was signed "PHIL BART, National Organizational Sec'y." A copy of this form which was addressed "To All Clubs" and "Dear Comrades" and which refers to a possible change in the CP constitution was secured by [redacted] from [redacted] on 8/17/59. On 8/18/59, the informant gave SA ROBERT C. NORTON the copy. On 8/19/59, SA NORTON caused the copy to be photostated, and on 8/20/59 returned the original copy to informant. The photostat is being retained in [redacted]

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641) (415)

DATE: 9/16/59

FROM: SA JOHN A. HAAG (41)

SUBJECT: CP, USA-ORGANIZATION
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1 - NY [] (Inv.) (41)
 1 - NY 100-129822 []
 1 - NY 100-13483 (BETTY GANNETT) (415)
 1 - NY 100-54555 (EVELYN WIENER) (424)
 1 - NY 100-50094 [] (425)
 1 - NY 100-129629 (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
 1 - NY 100-105078 (HY LUMER) (415)
 1 - NY 100-93665 (MIMI FRIEDLANDER) (421)
 1 - NY 100-55794 (SARAH JAFFE) (424)
 1 - NY 100-94429 (SAUL GROSS) (424)
 1 - NY 100-84275 (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
 1 - NY 100- (UNSUB; black hair, mustache, dark framed glasses, 5'6-7", 180-200 lbs., 55-60 yrs., at CP Headquarters, NYC [], per [] (412)
 1 - NY 100-23825 (BEN DAVIS) (416)
 1 - NY 100-56575 (PHIL BART) (422)
 1 - NY 100-60640 (HAROLD COLLINS) (416)
 1 - NY 101-559 (JESUS COLON) (415)
 1 - NY 100-82206 (BILL STANLEY) (425)
 1 - NY 100-70281 (JERRY DALY) (416)
 1 - NY 100-26018 (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
 1 - NY 100- (UNSUB; 60-65 yrs., 140-50 lbs., 5'4-5", white hair-short, at CP, USA Headquarters, NYC [], per []
 1 - NY 100-138812 (ELSIE LNU) (412)
 1 - NY 100- (MILT LNU, previously described, at CP, USA Headquarters, NYC [], per []
 1 - NY 100-80641 (41)

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Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished
reliable information in the
past (conceal)

Description of info Activities at CP, USA
Headquarters, NYC [redacted]

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Date received 9/3/59

Received by SA JOHN A. HAAG (written)

Original location [redacted]

A copy of informant's written report follows:

NY 100-80641

Aug. 30/59

At C.P. headquarters on [] these people were seen.

[]
BETTY GANNETT
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[]

WM. ALBERTSON
HI LUMER
MIMI FREEDLANDER
SARAH JAFFE
SAUL GROSS

WM. PATTERSON
MILT?
BEN DAVIS
PHIL BART
HAROLD COLLINS
JESUS COLON
BILL STANLEY
JERRY DALY
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
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Woman never seen before-age 60-65 Weight 140-50 Height 5-4-5-
White curley hair-short. No glasses. White dress. Tan
sport shoes. Huge straw bag-white with red flowers on it.

Man. Never seen before. Black curley hair. Mustache. dark
framed glasses. Height 5-6-7-Weight 18-90 Much hair on
arms. Age 55-60 Dark pants-white shirt-sleeves rolled up.
No glasses

SARAH JAFFE asked SAUL GROSS if he was going to the
meeting with BETTY GANNETT as there were 300 copies of "On
the Occasion of the 40th anniversary, Communist Party,
U.S.A." that BETTY had to take with her to the meeting and
she needed help. SAUL said he could not help as he had to
go to a movie. Later he came back and asked SARAH if she
would like to go to the movie with him. He said it was
"The Blue Angel". SARAH thanked him but refused and said
she would be happy to go another time if he would let her
know in advance. He then asked [] if she could go and
she also refused-had a date. It just seemed that he did not
like to attend a movie alone, yet was determined to see
it.

1000 copies of the article was run but only 300 hurriedly
prepared for the meeting BETTY wanted them for.

FD-306 (3-21-58)

TO : SAC, NEWARK (100-4284-4M-1)
 FROM : SA VINCENT E. MURPHY
 SUBJECT: CP, USA
 NEW JERSEY DISTRICT
 NEWARK DIVISION
 MERCER COUNTY
 IS - C

DATE: 9/21/59

Date received 8/26/59	Received from (name or symbol number) [redacted] who has furnished reliable info. in the past.	Received by SAS JOHN A. HAAG, NYO, VINCENT E. MURPHY, Newark
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Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☒ in person ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☒ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

Date

Dictated _____ to _____

Transcribed _____

Authenticated
by Informant _____

Date of Report

8/26/59

Date(s) of activity

[redacted] b7D

Brief description of activity or material

Discussion with [redacted]

County CP

File where original is located if not attached

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Remarks: THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED
 OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS CAREFULLY AND PROPERLY PARA-
 PHRASED.

- 2 - New York (RM)
 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
 [redacted]
 3 - Philadelphia (RM)
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 100-
 65-1686
 14 - Newark
 100-20913
 100-36790
 100-34894
 100-31342
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 100-41447
 100-
 100-30994
 61-70
 100-28433
 100-4284A (CP FUNDS)
 100-4284T (CP LITERATURE)
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August 26, 1959

[redacted] privately advised in August, 1959 [redacted] that he had \$11.00 in CP dues to turn in to the State Office which he had received from Charles Mitchell. Goldberg did not know whether this was Mitchell's own dues or that of some other comrade. [redacted] further stated he had \$3.30 for CP literature, which amount he received from the [redacted] group. He stated that no meeting of any kind was held in Trenton for the past several months because various people have been on vacation. [redacted] stated they only had one meeting since the meeting wherein [redacted] attended. He stated their group is down to about five members. (In all probability this is [redacted])

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[redacted] stated he had heard nothing concerning [redacted] and [redacted] and as far as he knows, they are out of the Party. He had heard that [redacted] had some kind of a meeting in Trenton recently and another meeting or two in Levittown.

✓ [redacted] further stated he heard that Phil Bart, of the National Office, had attended a CP meeting in Levittown within the past month. This was a very small meeting. [redacted] did not know much about this meeting, inasmuch as he did not attend. He had heard the meeting was rather fruitless and ✓ Bart did not do much convincing on the part of those present. [redacted] and his wife, who were at this meeting, stated they finally decided to quit the Party. [redacted] from Philadelphia, was also present. [redacted] stated he had no further information concerning this meeting, but he did know that [redacted] and his wife quit the CP during the meeting.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-C43)(#422) DATE: 9/22/59

FROM : SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (#422)

SUBJECT: KINGS COUNTY CP
IS - C

Identity of Source [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past (conceal)

Description of Info [redacted] meeting of the [redacted] b7D

Date Received 8/28/59

Received By SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (orally)

Original Located [redacted]

The following information was furnished by [redacted] on 8/28/59 and authenticated by [redacted] on 9/8/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

1 - New York [redacted] (INV)(#422)

1 - New York (100-12959) [redacted] 422)

1 - New York (100-135247) [redacted] (#422)

1 - New York (100-15946) [redacted] (#422)

1 - New York (100-117158) [redacted] (#422)

1 - New York (100-96627) [redacted] (#422)

1 - New York (100-135084) [redacted] (#422)

1 - New York (100-99369) [redacted] 22)

1 - New York (101-559) [redacted] (#415)

1 - New York (100-84275) [redacted] (#415)

1 - New York (100-129629) [redacted] 415)

1 - New York (100-67408) [redacted]

1 - New York (100-14096) [redacted]

1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART)(#415)

1 - New York (100-133090) (NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR A SANE NUCLEAR POLICY)(#414)

1 - New York (100-26603-C43)(#422)

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On [redacted] there was a meeting of the [redacted]
[redacted] at the residence of [redacted]
[redacted] in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The following persons were present: [redacted]

[redacted]
[redacted] PHIL BART was present at the residence
and was in and out of the meeting room but did not participate in
the session.

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The principal discussion was on Peace. U.S. Foreign
policy was discussed and, of course, was attacked, as being
hostile to the Soviet Union. The struggle for Negro rights and
the struggle for peace were tied together through the "proof" of
the superiority of socialism.

The suggestions were made for an increase in county
work for peace and for broad tactics to include support of the
Sane Nuclear Policy Committee. The role of the party was stated
to be direct participation.

The labor day parade was discussed and participation
by all persons was urged.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80641)(415)
SUBJECT: CP, USA, ORGANIZATION
IS - C

DATE: 9/22/59

Identity of source [redacted] who has furnished reliable info in past (conceal)
Description of info Info from PHIL BART at CP, USA, Headquarters on [redacted]
Date received 9/9/59
Received by SAS JOHN A. HAAG, NYO, and VINCENT E. MURPHY, Newark (oral)
Original location [redacted]

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Utmost care must be used in handling and reporting the following info in order to protect the identity of informant.

Information received from informant, as set forth above, was reduced to writing by SA HAAG on 9/10/59, and authenticated by informant on 9/16/59

A copy of informant's oral report follows:

2 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)
2 - Boston (100-12464)(Info)(RM)
 (1 - 100- [redacted])
2 - Cleveland (100-17257)(Info)(RM)
 (1 - 100- [redacted])
2 - Newark (100-4284)(Info)(RM)
 (1 - [redacted])
2 - New Haven (100- [redacted]) (CP, USA, Organization)(Info)(RM)
 (1 - 100-1873) [redacted]
1 - Pittsburgh (100- [redacted]) (CP, USA, Organization)(Info)(RM)
1 - NY [redacted] (Inv) (41)
1 - NY 100-56579 (PHIL BART)(422)
1 - NY 100-84994 [redacted] (415)
1 - NY 100-14096 [redacted] (422)
1 - NY 100-80641 [redacted] (415)

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On [] PHIL BART of the CPUSA National Office made some comments concerning [] of the CPUSA. He said that [] has a good personality and is well liked in the CP. [] has also raised serious questions on CP policy among the leadership. He has an aggressive kind of approach to all those people who left the CP since the last convention with the purpose of getting them back in the CP. He feels that while an approach to these people will entail some self-criticism, many left the CP with good reason and should be talked to with the hope of getting them back in the CP.

BART said that [] has spoken to many CP districts in the U.S. and has been well received. In California they want him to come back. BART stated that many comrades feel [] should be the Party's next [] b7D

BART then spoke of the total lack of CP activity in the Pittsburgh area. He said he would speak to [] to ask him to make a trip to Pittsburgh to look around for contacts from which the Party can go forward and organize.

[] is an old Party member now living in Brooklyn, N.Y. He had been many years ago, [] in the Pittsburgh area.

BART stated that the entire Connecticut State CP organization had disappeared, only the Bridgeport Club is still existing. He said that he has been trying to get [] who is still a CP member, raises all sorts of objections.

BART said he was in New England recently and found the CP to have few members there. He was critical of [] chairman of that district, because he had put himself on a \$100 per week salary and is "black-jacking" this salary from the few CP members left.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603-) DATE: 9/22/59

FROM : SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (422)

SUBJECT : CP, USA, NYD
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1-New York [redacted] (Inv.) (422)
1-New York (100-135084) (AGNES WILLIS) (422)
1-New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (422)
1-New York (100-85936) (PEARL LAWS) (422)
1-New York (100-96627) [redacted]
1-New York (100-67348) (ANN FRIEDLANDER) (422)
1-New York (100-15946) (JAMES TORMEY) (422)
1-New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM L. PATTERSON) (415)
1-New York (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (415)
1-New York (100-84994) (GUS HALL) (415)
1-New York (100-50094) [redacted]
1-New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (415)
1-New York (100-117158) (DANNY RUBEL) (422)
1-New York (100-32433) (DAVE LEEDS) (422)
1-New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1-New York (100-New) [redacted]
1-New York (100-) (PAUL SCHWARTZ) (415)
1-New York (100-87543) (SZIDONIA STEINER) (422)
1-New York (97-169) (THE WORKER) (415)
1-New York (100-128314) (KINGS COUNTY CP-FUNDS) (422)
1-New York (100-26603) (416)

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Identity of Source: [redacted] who has furnished
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Description of info: [redacted]

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Date Received: 8/25/59

Received by: SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH (orally)

Original located: [redacted]

The above information was furnished by the informant
on 8/25/59 and authenticated on 9/4/59.

A copy of informant's report follows:

NY 100-26603

8/25/59

On [] there was a New York State Communist Party Conference at Adelphi Hall in New York City.

There were approximately 125 persons present among whom were the following:

AGNES WILLIS, CONNIE BART, PEARL LAWS, []
[] ANN FRIEDLANDER, JIM TORMEY, WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, BILL
ALBERTSON, GUS HALL, [] BETTY GANNETT (chaired the
meeting), DANNY RUBEL, DAVE LEEDS, PHIL BART, []
PAUL SCHWARTZ and SZDONIA STEINER.

GUS HALL spoke about building the Party and about plans for the improvement of the Party internal situation. He suggested that argument was a part of the "democratic" process but that once a line was established it must be followed up without question. He also advocated that Party functionaries attend club and section meetings in order to clarify Party policy and in order to get close to the rank and file of the party.

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[] about the fund drive for the Worker and said that this year was better than last. She gave several figures among which was Brooklyn which she described as being 3% higher than last year.

PATTERSON and ALBERTSON gave short pep talks about money and about Party work.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-421);

Date: 9/24/59

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
NY DISTRICT
NY DIVISION
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On 8/14/59, NY 2017-S* made available information which reflected there would be a city-wide meeting of the Labor Press Committee on 8/19/59, at 8:00 p.m., Adelphi Hall, 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

- 1 - Cleveland (100-421) (GUS HALL) (RM)
- 1 - New York (100-86094) (LOU DINNERS TEIN) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-117158) (DANNY RUBEL) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-60640) (HAROLD COLLINS) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-88013) (SOPHIE NASCIMENTO) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-62773) (ROSE PODMAKA) (423)
- 1 - New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-67670) (IDA POSNER) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-76571) (ESTHER CUCA) (424)
- 1 - New York (100-83308) (DOROTHY ZISSER) (424)
- 1 - New York (100-131705) (MAX HALEBSKY) (421)
- 1 - New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-95636) (RHODA GADSON) (423)
- 1 - New York (100-110921) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (101-559) (JESUS COLON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-58009) (BEATRICE WEISS) (425)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-116704) [REDACTED]
- 1 - New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)

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1 - New York (100-26603)

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[redacted] advised on 8/21/59, that on the evening of [redacted] the above meeting was held in Room 9D, Adelphi Hall, under the name "Labor Press". Informant stated this was actually a city-wide CP Press Meeting sponsored by the NY State CP. b7D

1 - New York (100-25623) (ERIC BERT) (415)
1 - New York (100-50842) (OAKLEY JOHNSON) (424)
1 - New York (100-88603) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-88546) (MANNIA RADZIE) (425)
1 - New York (100-56) (MIKE DAVIDOW) (416)
1 - New York (100-67348) (ANN FRIEDLANDER) (422)
1 - New York (100-10113) (LEONARD LEVENSON) (414)
1 - New York (100-109560) (PAUL SCHWARTZ) (422)
1 - New York (100-55621) (ESTHER GOLLOBIN) (424)
1 - New York (100-54555) (EVELYN WIENER) (424)
1 - New York (100-85936) (PEARL LAWS) (422)
1 - New York (100-135084) (AGNES WILLIS) (422)
1 - New York (100-135557) (WILLIAM TURNER) (414)
1 - New York (100-120215) (LILLIAN IMMERMANN) (424)
1 - New York (100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN) (415)
1 - New York (100-79025) (MILDRED MC A. EDELMAN) (424)
1 - New York (100-58535) (CONSTANTINE RADZIE) (33)
1 - New York (100-87543) (SZDONIA STEINER) (422)
1 - New York (100-115008) (MANUEL FINKEL) (422)
1 - New York (100-56835) (VTRGINIA GARDNER) (424)
1 - New York (100-104023) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-81394) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-59993) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-133566) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-21431) (MARTIN YOUNG) (33)
1 - New York (100-96627) [redacted]
1 - New York (100-131135) (JACK WEISS) (422)
1 - New York (100-88261) (KARL LEICHTMAN) (421)
1 - New York (100-9375) (ANTONIO SIRACUSA) (421)
1 - New York (100-32433) (DAVE LEEDS) (422)
1 - New York (100-85671) (RUTH BEER)
1 - New York (100-115212) (REBECCA GUREWITZ) (421)

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The individuals listed below were observed by SA ROBERT S. MUGAVIN approaching Room 9D, Adelphi Hall, at the time shown. Where an (*) appears behind a name, a photograph of that individual was obtained by SA [REDACTED] as the individual departed from 9D, Adelphi Hall.

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Certain individuals were not observed approaching 9D but were photographed departing and their photograph subsequently identified. These identifications are also set out below.

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>TIME OBSERVED</u>
LOU DINNERSTEIN	7:10 p.m.
DANNY RUBEL	7:32 p.m.
HAROLD COLLINS	7:40 p.m.
SOPHIE NASCIMENTO	7:40 p.m.
BETTY GANNETT	7:40 p.m.
ROSE PODMAKA (*)	7:41 p.m.
JIM TORMEY	7:43 p.m.
IDA POSNER (*)	7:43 p.m.
ESTHER CUCA (*)	7:48 p.m.
DOROTHY ZISSER (*)	7:48 p.m.
MAX HALEBSKY (*)	7:48 p.m.

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>TIME OBSERVED</u>
WILLIAM PATTERSON (*)	7:50 p.m.
LOUIS WEINSTOCK	7:50 p.m.
RHODA GADSON (*)	7:55 p.m.
[REDACTED]	7:55 p.m.
JESUS COLON (*)	7:57 p.m.
BEATRICE WEISS (*)	7:59 p.m.
GUS HALL	8:04 p.m.
CONNIE BART	8:04 p.m.
PHIL BART (*)	8:04 p.m.
[REDACTED]	8:07 p.m.
WILLIAM ALBERTSON	8:09 p.m.
ERIC BERT	8:09 p.m.
OAKLEY JOHNSON	8:11 p.m.
[REDACTED]	8:11 p.m.
MANNIA RADZIE (*)	8:14 p.m.
MIKE DAVIDOW	8:18 p.m.
ANN FRIEDLANDER (*)	8:21 p.m.
LEONARD LEVENSON (*)	8:30 p.m.

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>TIME OBSERVED</u>
PAUL SCHWARTZ (*)	8:30 p.m.
ESTHER GOLLOBIN	8:34 p.m.
EVELYN WIENER	8:34 p.m.
PEARL LAWS (*)	8:38 p.m.
AGNES WILLIS (*)	8:38 p.m.
WILLIAM TURNER	8:49 p.m.
LILLIAN IMMERMANN (*)	8:50 p.m.
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN	8:53 p.m.
MILDRED MC A. EDELMAN	8:55 p.m.
CONSTANTINE RADZIE (*)	9:15 p.m.

The following individuals were photographed departing from 9D, and identified as shown:

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>IDENTIFIED BY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
SZDONIA STEINER	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 15px;"></div>	8/25/59
MANUEL FINKEL	SA JOHN B. COULTON	8/25/59

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<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>IDENTIFIED BY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
VIRGINIA GARDNER	SA ROBERT S. MUGAVIN	8/24/59
<div></div>	SA JOSEPH M. MULVANEY	8/24/59
	<div></div>	8/24/59
	SA JOHN B. COULTON	8/25/59
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MARTIN YOUNG	SA JOHN B. COULTON	8/25/59
<div></div>	SA CHARLES W. CAVANAUGH	8/25/59
JACK WEISS	SA JOSEPH T. O'LEARY	8/24/59
KARL LEICHTMAN	SA JOSEPH M. MULVANEY	8/24/59
ANTONIO SIRACUSA	SA ROBERT S. MUGAVIN	8/24/59
DAVE LEEDS	SA JOSEPH M. MULVANEY	8/24/59
RUTH BEER	<div></div>	8/24/59
REBECCA GUREWITZ	SA ANDREW STERTZER	9/1/59

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The photographs mentioned above are being attached to the copy of this memorandum designated for the individual's case file.

Negatives of these photographs are located in 100-26603-1A 7040.

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Surveillance log is located in
100-26603-Sub G.

[redacted] was contacted by SA DAVID
RYAN. [redacted] was contacted by SA CHARLES
W. CAVANAUGH.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-⁵⁶⁵⁷⁹80641) DATE: 9/22/59
FROM : SA JOSEPH V. WATERS
SUBJECT: CP, USA - ORGANIZATION
IS-C

On 9/9/59, NY 2002-S*, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available photographs of material located at CP National Headquarters, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. Included in this material, a copy of which is attached hereto, was:

Letter dated 9/3/59, to all Party clubs explaining referendum on election of National Committee.

() Forwarded for your information and appropriate action.

() No copy of this memorandum is being retained other than the copy directed as above.

- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
1- New York (100-80641) (415)

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September 3, 1959

TO ALL PARTY CLUBS

Dear Comrades:

We have received a number of inquiries indicating that the original letter containing the referendum is not explicit in stating why a referendum to delete Article V, Section 5 is being taken. We therefore state below additional information on the reasons for this referendum.

The National Committee at its meeting of July 25-26 decided to take a referendum on the section of the Constitution dealing with the method of electing the National Committee. The experiences since the last National Convention have shown that the present article in the Constitution is not adequate for the election of a functioning National Committee. Over the past two years, besides those who resigned from the Committee and the Party, there have been a number of changes by districts of their National Committee members. In all instances N.C. members were changed by District Committees in conformity with the present Constitution. But the N.C. then found itself lacking in cohesion and continuity which such a committee must possess in order to carry out its duties.

Furthermore, the National Committee should be elected following the discussion and adoption of its political line at its National Convention. In the elections it must consider representation from all areas of the country.

The National Committee felt that these questions require more discussion and exchange of views which possibly will result in changes in the manner of election and size of the National Committee. This, as already indicated above, is warranted by the experiences since the 16th National Convention.

In setting aside this section of the Constitution, changes, modifications or even maintaining the present section or any other form of election will be based on the consideration given this matter in pre-convention discussion and amendments to the Constitution which will come from all sections of the Party. The decision will then be made by the National Convention.

Therefore we are presenting the referendum to the Party for adoption which deletes the section dealing with the method of election and leaves to the National Convention the making of the final decision which will come as the result of a general Party discussion.

Comradely yours,

Phil Bart

for the National Executive Committee

att # 1 to 100 - 52579 - 3724

SAC (100-30295)

9/24/59

SA HARRY C. BELK

CPUSA-FUNDS
IS - C

On 8/21/59, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided SA HARRY C. BELK with a handwritten copy of a letter addressed to [] which reads as follows. The copy of this letter is being retained in []

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"Aug. 14, 1959

"Eastern Pa., State Board

Dear Comrades:

The N.E.C. this week discussed the Worker Fund Drive and the efforts required by our Party to assure the success of this drive.

The current issue of the Worker indicates that out of an objective of \$2000, you have thus far sent in \$1245, which is 62%.

We want to assure you that the front page appeal of the Aug. 16th issue that 'the situation is critical' is not an exaggerated statement. We ask that immediate steps in view of the urgent need and furthermore the requirement that the quotas indicated are to be fulfilled by Labor Day, after which we will proceed with the second part of the Drive which is a much smaller sum.

We request that this letter be given your immediate attention so that with the help of your district we can assure not only the continued functioning of the paper but at least a start in eliminating these appeals of continuous danger to the paper.

① - New York (RM)
1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)

5 - Philadelphia
1 - 100-30295
1 - 100-4842 ("THE WORKER")
1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART)
1 - 65-1686 []
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"We would appreciate a reply to this letter from
you as early as possible.

Comradely yours,

//S// PHIL BART

Reproduce and give to each Club."

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) (415)

FROM: SA b6
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DATE: SEP 28 1959

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM - C

The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving 23 West 26th St., New York, New York.

NY 1726-*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 4/21/57 that effective 4/15/57 the National and New York State offices of the Communist Party would occupy the premises at 23 West 26th Street, New York, New York.

NY 694-S* on 6/5/58 advised that the editorial staff of "The Worker" was to be moved into the building at 23 West 26th Street on 6/7,8/58.

NY 2002-S* on 6/20/58 verified the occupancy of the basement and first floor areas of building by the office staff of "The Worker", an East Coast weekly Communist newspaper.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579) (415)

DATE: SEP 28 1959

FROM:

SA

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SUBJECT: PHIL BART
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CG 5824-S* advised SA ALEXANDER C. BURLINSON on 9/19/59 that on 9/18 and 19/59 a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party was held at Hotel Chelsea, 222 W. 23rd Street, NYC.

The above captioned subject was observed entering and/or leaving Hotel Chelsea, 222 W. 23rd St., NYC on dates indicated.

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WILLIAM J. BARRON
JOHN T. O'SHAUGHNESSY

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SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES

CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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On 9/14/59, PH-547-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SE [redacted] that THOMAS NABRIED contacted ABE SOKOLOV at the SOKOLOV residence, 5800 North 17th Street, on 9/14/59, to inquire about the health of SOKOLOV. SOKOLOV said he has additional trouble because he had a boil on his knee which required that he go to the doctor. SOKOLOV said there was no one at the office (Morning Freiheit) on 9/14/59. PHIL BART also spoke to SOKOLOV who inquired when BART had arrived in Philadelphia. BART replied he arrived 9/13/59, and would probably leave early on the morning of 9/15/59. SOKOLOV and BART each wanted to get together for a chat. BART told SOKOLOV that he and NABRIED might stop in to see SOKOLOV later that day.

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(1 - New York (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(RM)

4 - Philadelphia

1 - 100-31723

1 - 100-2616 (MORNING FREIHEIT)

1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)

1 - 100-3581 (ABE SOKOLOV)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CHICAGO (100-3740)

DATE: 9/22/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-11032)

SUBJECT: MORRIS CHILDS
IS - C

On 8/17/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL BART and his wife CONNIE had discussed the CP in Chicago. PHIL BART told his wife that there was a dispute in progress there between CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and SAM KUSHNER. The source advised that the name of MORRIS CHILDS was mentioned, however, he was unable to furnish further information. BART said that LIGHTFOOT is the chairman of the Party in Chicago and that KUSHNER is attempting to replace him. He said that the entire trouble lies in the fact that LIGHTFOOT shuns leadership and responsibility and that the Chicago organization needs just that. He said they need a leader and someone who will tell them what to do. CONNIE commented that she had the same thoughts about LIGHTFOOT and that all he really needs is a good organizational secretary to help him out.

- 4 - Chicago (100-3740)
 - (1 - 100-) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)
 - (1 - 100-) (SAM KUSHNER)
- ① - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-9365) (WILLIAM FOSTER) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-16785) (JIM JACKSON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-78589) (EDNA WINSTON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-269) (HENRY WINSTON) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-11032)

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PHIL BART comments that CONNIE is right and that the same thing had happened on the West Coast and a good organizational secretary had turned the trick. He said, however, that LIGHTFOOT can use such a person but his failure to take responsibility will not help him in his fight with KUSHNER.

BART later advised his wife that in a conversation he had with MORRIS CHILDS, CHILDS told him that JIM JACKSON had sent him a telegram in Chicago telling CHILDS that he was coming there with his family and intended to stay with him. He said that CHILDS was in a quandary as what to do as his wife's family was presently with them. He commented that CHILDS knew where JACKSON was for the last two months but no one else did, including GENE DENNIS or GUS HALL. He said that CHILDS told him that JACKSON now wants to write a pamphlet and he doesn't understand how he can do it.

PHIL said that with a National Convention coming up and JACKSON being responsible for one of the main resolutions, he doesn't know what's wrong with JACKSON. He said that he has no organizational responsibility and that although he is an able person, he has an exaggerated opinion of himself.

CONNIE BART asked how BETTY GANET was and PHIL said that he had arranged for her to meet CHILDS for lunch. He said that GANNETT is an awfully difficult person to talk with and she is too self-centered. He said that when all her material and suggestions are not accepted as they are sent, she believes everyone is working against her. He said that her trouble is that if she can't shine, she's lost. They both then discussed GANNETT's ability to monopolize a conversation and they compare him favorably in this regard to WILLIAM Z. FOSTER. PHIL comments that

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recently GUS HALL went to see FOSTER and spent two hours with him and that his first comment on returning was "Well by God, I got fifteen minutes of the two hours." BART said that he had told FOSTER that they couldn't work with GANNETT and that FOSTER didn't agree but that now he has been proven right.

He said that the trouble with BETTY GANNETT is that her own self-centeredness will destroy her. He said that if they have a meeting for an hour with four or five people, she wants to talk for forty-five minutes and that that is not a discussion.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603C43)

DATE: 9/28/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

SUBJECT: CP-KINGS COUNTY
IS - C

On 8/25/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the subject and his wife CONNIE were visited at their residence by JIM TORMEY. During the conversation TORMEY mentioned that his parents had arrived to visit him a week early and that they would be there until the fourth. He said that he had borrowed a record player from SYLVIA HALL for them to use and that they were very delighted. CONNIE mentioned to him that there was a surprise party being held for BILL PATTERSON Thursday evening and that she would like to be excused from the County Committee meeting that night. TORMEY said it would be all right with him as she knew everything which was to be discussed.

① - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
1 - New York (100-84275) (WILLIAM PATTERSON) (415)
1 - New York (100-63530) (ETHEL EPSTEIN) (422)
1 - New York (100-) (CLARA LIGHT) (422)
1 - New York (100-121870) (DOROTHY MOSER) (422)
1 - New York (100-65738) (MOLLY LIGHT) (422)
1 - New York (100-19679) (ISADORE WOFSY) (415)
1 - New York (100-117158) (DANNY RUBEL)
1 - New York (100-26603C43)

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CONNIE then mentioned that she had visited (ETHEL) EPSTEIN last evening and that things looked very well. She asked TORMEY if he knew DOROTHY of the Emma Lazarus. CONNIE described her as a loyal and devoted comrade but that she has been unable to get her to any meetings and she has not given in the fund drive. She said that she'll have to talk to DOROTHY's husband and that she believes DOROTHY is trying to avoid her. CONNIE mentioned that EPSTEIN had given her \$10.00 towards the fund drive last night and that made a total of \$40.00 from her.

CONNIE then mentions the names of DOROTHY MOSER and CLARA LICHT and mentions that they and one other person are trying to form a group of some kind and that they are all good comrades. TORMEY mentions that he is on the trail of a few good prospects himself. He asks CONNIE if she knows MOLLY LICHT, the daughter-in-law of CLARA LICHT. He said that he talked with her recently and that she was very surprised at their stand and she was pleased and said that she might be able to bring some others back with her. He said that to build up the membership there are a lot of things which must be done and one of them is to organize "Scouting Parties to find people like MARY LICHT who are ready to listen to what we have to say." He said that PHIL had convinced him finally about the business of establishing a line before speaking to these people. CONNIE retorted that as soon as a line is set a lot of people will come back or at least will listen.

They then discussed the illness of ABNER GREEN and BART remarks that there are more people sick this summer in the CP than there ever have been in the history of the movement. He mentioned that ISADORE WOFSY's wife had a heart attack at 1:00 a.m. on Sunday and had to be taken to the hospital in an ambulance. He said that this cost \$33.00 from the Bronx to Beth Israel Hospital.

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They are then joined by DANNY RUBEL who comments critically about the location and condition of CP Headquarters. He mentions that the Headquarters should move as the building is too business like and it has no social facilities. He said that he knew of two youths who were looking for some Leftist ideas but were scared away by the appearance of the building and ended at the Trotskyite Headquarters where they have some social facilities. He said the very least they could do was put a sign outside of headquarters so people could find it. PHIL BART commented that if they did this, the office would be wrecked every weekend.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-4931)

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SAC, NEWARK (100-41019)

CP, USA
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Source: NK 2165-S*, a highly confidential source close to LOTTIE and DAVE GORDON, 28 Bock Avenue, Newark, New Jersey

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Date Furnished: 8/20/59

Location: 100-4284-9Y-30, pages 86, 87

On [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that LOTTIE GORDON was at that time Organizational Secretary of the New Jersey CP and a member of the State Board and State Committee of the New Jersey CP.

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On May 28, 1959, [redacted] advised that DAVE GORDON was at that time a member of the Essex County Committee of the New Jersey CP.

Among the items furnished by NK 2165-S* appeared a letter to all Party clubs from PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, CP, USA, which was dated May 25, 1959. The letter was addressed "Dear Comrades" and stated that it was written on behalf of the National Executive Committee to call attention to five important areas of concern to the people of our country and hence to our Party. The letter is two pages in length and elaborates upon the five issues which are cited as:

- 2 New York (REG. MAIL) (Encl. 1)
 - (1 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 5 Newark
 - (1 100-4284-V) (CONNECTIONS OF NJCP WITH CP, USA)
 - (1 100-4284-KK) (CP LINE)
 - (1 100-4284-7T-1) (HUDSON COUNTY)
 - (1 [redacted])

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1. Peace
2. Defense of labor's rights
3. The Negro liberation movement
4. Youth
5. Strengthening Party clubs;
building "The Worker"

The letter states that discussion of the above questions is beginning in preparation for the 17th national convention scheduled in November. The letter was concluded by stating that it should be read at the next meeting of the club, and discussion of the issues should be related to the problems in the shop and community.

The above-mentioned letter bore a penciled notation in the top left-hand corner - "Hudson".

A copy of the above-mentioned letter is being attached to the original letter to New York.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-31723)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY, USA - ORGANIZATION
IS - C

9/15/59

C I N A L

On 9/15/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA B. PERKOWSKI, JR., that a meeting of the [redacted] Communist Party of [redacted] at [redacted] and was attended by PHILIP BART, CPUSA National Organization Secretary.

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During this meeting [redacted] 18-page presentation which dealt with organizational, youth, Negro, trade union and ideological problems of the CPUSA. The DC members felt it was too confusing to discuss this presentation without any chance to study it before it was read and also were critical because it contained so little ideological material. Another DC meeting has been scheduled for 9/28/59 for discussion of this material and also the Draft Resolutions issued by the CP National Office. [redacted] expect to attend).

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[redacted] announced that plans for the CPUSA 40th Anniversary celebration had been finalized and it will be held 10/10/59 at the Essex Hotel, 13th and Filbert Streets, Philadelphia, with BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, JR., as the guest speaker.

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- 3 - Bureau (100-3-69) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 3 - New York (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 1 - 100-80641
 - 1 - 100-56579
 - 1 - 100-23825
- 4 - Philadelphia (100-31723)
 - 1 - 65-3686 [redacted]
 - 1 - [redacted]
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-88)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-87211)

SUBJECT: CPUSA- FACTIONALISM
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On 9/22/59, NY 1749-S* advised an UNSUB female contacted PHIL BART, National CP Organizational Secretary, and spoke about "The terrible situation at the ONDA funeral today." BART said that he had helped make all the arrangements for the main part of the funeral and made sure that they had enough money to pay for it. He said that since they got the money they told them "to go to hell."

BART continued that everybody in the National Leadership had gone to the funeral, including DENNIS and GUS (HALL), however, not one of them was invited to participate in even the smallest way. They both then discussed the letter from AL LANNON read at the funeral, and BART described it as a "three page letter of gutter politics." He said that the Party had made arrangements for speakers and had proposed people who would fit in to what ever way THERESA (ONDA) wanted. He said that they were told to keep their hands off

- 3 - Bureau (100-3-88)(RM)
- 1 - Cleveland (INFO)(RM)
- 1 - Chicago (100-) (INFO)(CHARLIE LOMAN)(RM)
- 1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-5622)(ANDY ONDA)(422)
- 1 - NY (100-114143)(THERESA ONDA)(422)
- 1 - NY (100-84944)(GUS HALL)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-8057)(EUGENE DENNIS)(415)
- 1 - NY (100-87211)

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and that everything was taken care of.

He said he had not learned about CHARLIE (LOMAN) until late last night and the others did not know until this morning. He said those persons who had made these arrangements had been in touch with them (the CP) the whole time. He said it only shows that they were not dealing honestly and that the whole thing was factional.

BART mentioned that one group of people from steel had come to the funeral all the way from Youngstown.

SAC, Boston (100-7908)

9/23/59

SA CLEMENT A. O'BRIEN

CP, USA
NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
IS-C

On 9/15/59, [] authenticated for SA CLEMENT A. O'BRIEN a photostat of a proposed referendum to change the constitution in regard to the election of members of the National Committee of the CP. The original of this photostat was obtained from [] who is identified by the informant as the [] of the CP, USA, of [] during a [] meeting of the CP on []

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The document is a mimeographed, one sheet, affair dated 8/7/59 and addressed to all clubs advising that the National Committee, at its meeting of 7/25, 26/59, decided to take a referendum on article 5, section 5 of the constitution which deals with the election to the National Committee. The document was signed Comradely Yours, PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary.

Following this there is the referendum setting forth the resolve for the amendment of the constitution so that National Committee members would be elected by the State and District organizations prior to the National Convention and that the names of those elected members would be submitted to the National Convention for approval and that also the National Convention could elect additional members of the National Committee At Large.

There is at the bottom of the document a place setting forth the District, County Section and Club which would be filled in; also the numbers of members who voted for, against, or abstained from voting on this referendum. The authenticated photostat of this referendum is being maintained in the Boston file of this informant, []

100-7908
1-100-17513 (CP Brief)
1-100-24107 (CP Line)
1-100-20779 (CP Organization)
1-100-775 []
1- []
1-100-24914 (PHIL BART)

cc: New York (100-56579)

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Time, Type, and Place of Meeting

The first day of sessions of a two-day meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party - USA was held in New York City on Friday, September 18, 1959, in a suite of rooms in the Chelsea Hotel in New York City. This suite of rooms was occupied by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and MICKEY LIMA. LIGHTFOOT usually stays at this hotel while he is in New York City. The purpose of holding the meeting at this location, instead of at the national headquarters of the Communist Party - USA, was not only to provide security but also to provide an atmosphere where the meeting could be conducted without interruption.

Persons in Attendance

The following members of the National Executive Committee were in attendance at this meeting:

BEN DAVIS	MICKEY LIMA
EUGENE DENNIS	HY LUMER
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN	GEORGE MEYERS
GUS HALL	BURT NELSON
JAMES JACKSON	IRVING POTASH
ANTHONY KRCHMAREK	JACK STACHEL
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT	CARL WINTER

The following invitees were also present:

BILL ALBERTSON
PHIL BART
MORRIS CHILDS
ARNOLD JOHNSON

Agenda

The following was the announced agenda for this meeting:

- I. An analysis of NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV's trip to the United States.
- II. A report by IRVING POTASH on the steel strike and the passage of anti-labor legislation.
- III. The question of the future leadership of the Communist Party - USA.

IV. A National Youth Conference.

It should be noted that the agenda was not strictly adhered to.

I. AN ANALYSIS OF NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV'S TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES

Report by EUGENE DENNIS

EUGENE DENNIS started the meeting with a report on NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV's trip to the United States. He said that it is a historic event of the greatest importance. He stated that KHRUSHCHEV's trip has already made an impact on the people in the United States, particularly in regard to peace and peaceful co-existence. He said that millions of people in the United States have listened to KHRUSHCHEV and are thinking of the personalities and policies involved. The exchange of visits between KHRUSHCHEV and EISENHOWER is the most important event since World War II. It reflects a thaw in the cold war and will undoubtedly lessen international tensions.

Continuing, DENNIS said that the exchange of visits demonstrates the bankruptcy of the "containment", "roll back" or "liberation" policy of the United States. For the first time, these exchanges inaugurated direct negotiations between the two most decisive powers in the world. DENNIS said that as yet it is too early to predict the immediate outcome of this exchange. It can be said, however, that this exchange of visits may open the way for disarmament; it may eliminate the impasse in negotiations to halt nuclear tests; it may improve trade relations between the United States and the USSR, and it may lead to further cultural exchanges between the United States and the Soviet Union. It may be the opening of a new round of US-USSR discussions and negotiations. The exchange of visits follows an impasse at Geneva, even though some headway had been made on the Berlin question and on the halting of nuclear tests at the Geneva meetings.

Next, DENNIS asked, What brought about this exchange of visits? In answering this question, DENNIS attributed the exchange to a new relation of the forces in the world. He pointed to the strengthening of the Socialist camp as evidenced by the Sputniks, the shot to the moon, by the Soviet seven-year-plan, etc. He also said that the following may have contributed to

this exchange of visits: The peace initiatives of the USSR, the Berlin proposals, the unilateral abandoning of nuclear tests, the proposal of a "free city" in Berlin, the exchange of exhibits between the USSR and the United States, the preceding visits of MIKOYAN and KOZLOV to the United States and of Vice President NIXON to the Soviet Union. Also, the political and economic rivalries between imperialist nations may have contributed to this exchange. At this point, DENNIS commented that President EISENHOWER's trip to Europe was an effort to patch up the inter-imperialist differences.

Continuing with an answer to his question, DENNIS stated that the exchange of visits may also have been brought about by major differences in the ranks of United States Capitalists in regard to foreign policy. He said that some Capitalists see a need for a re-appraisal of United States foreign policy. Further, there was pressure of popular forces and even the pressure of some governments. Also, there is the matter of electoral developments, both in Great Britain and the United States. Based on what is happening in the Soviet Union and the role of West Germany in Europe, the exchange of visits was a necessity for the Conservative Party in Great Britain. Although there is a difference of opinion, some people in the Republican administration in the United States see this exchange of visits as bringing advantages to the GOP.

Then DENNIS stated that whatever the reason for the exchange of visits, it can advance the cause of peace. Yet, this is only the beginning, since the USSR and the United States are still miles apart on the Berlin question. United States imperialists are still in Taiwan and Laos. In regard to US-USSR trade, the State Department of the United States is still adamant.

Next, DENNIS said that there are differences in the ranks of the Capitalists and these differences are far from resolved. They have been reflected since KHRUSHCHEV's arrival in the United States by such spokesmen as NELSON ROCKEFELLER, Defense Secretary MC ELROY, former President TRUMAN, and the advertisement signed by sixty Senators and Congressmen.

Then DENNIS said that the peace sentiment in the United States is not articulate and this applies especially to the labor movement. Therefore, while the exchange of visits between KHRUSHCHEV and EISENHOWER signalizes advances, we must stress that this is a process. It is only the beginning and what follows will not do so automatically. A lot depends on the peace efforts

of the broader sections of the people -- especially the Left progressive forces in the labor movement.

DENNIS said, We should take hold of the following:

- (1) A fresh approach and action on all levels to organize a grass roots expression of public approval of KHRUSHCHEV's visit; this should be coupled with a goal for a resolving of differences at the summit. These differences include the question of Germany, the banning of A and H bomb tests, etc. There is a need for sustained activity in this regard;
- (2) A gallop poll shows that 89% of the people favor this exchange of visits between EISENHOWER and KHRUSHCHEV; therefore, the opportunities are many;
- (3) In regard to the 1960 elections, the Republican Party already sees some advantages accruing to it from this exchange. The Democrats are more divided in their opinions. For example, those of former President TRUMAN and Senator PAUL DOUGLAS, of Illinois, as opposed to those of ELEANOR ROOSEVELT and AVERELL HARRIMAN. The Communist Party - USA should seize upon the issues of world peace and improvement of USSR-USA relations as a plan for 1960, which has unprecedented opportunities; and
- (4) The impact of these exchanges on the labor movement. The question is how to initiate tourism or an exchange of trade union delegates between the United States and the Soviet Union. There is a need for the Communist Party to take up the fact that there is a new perspective opening up. This is evidenced by the interest in the United States in the 21st Congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, in the Seven-Year Plan of the Soviet Union, in a book on KHRUSHCHEV published by DUTTON and appearing serially in the "Philadelphia Ledger". There is a new interest, a new curiosity, in the Soviet Union and in Socialism. The people in the United States are thinking about these things.

Then DENNIS said that the Communist Party - USA should publicize its historical contribution towards US-USSR friendship and demonstrate that even at the height of McCarthyism the Communist Party - USA was in favor of friendship and peace between the United States and the Soviet Union. DENNIS stated that the Communist Party - USA should imbue Party members and other progressive forces with the idea that we are on the eve of big things. There is a perspective for ending the cold war, for advancing the cause of peace, and for brightening the outlook for democracy.

Discussion of EUGENE DENNIS' Report

Remarks of GUS HALL

GUS HALL stated that too much emphasis should not be placed on the positive features of the exchange of visits between KHRUSHCHEV and EISENHOWER. It is necessary to examine both the positive and negative reactions of the American people. On the positive side, the turnouts to see KHRUSHCHEV were big, and yet they were not so big. Generally, the people were silent and there was very little applause. There was no real demonstration, as the situation required, but there was no booing either, and this is important. The reaction in Washington was to be expected, but a little different reaction could have been anticipated from the people in New York City.

HALL stated that the reaction to KHRUSHCHEV showed: (1) A lack of understanding on the part of the people in the United States; and (2) That the police state, McCarthyite left-over suppresses the real expression of the people. HALL said that he thought that the exchange of visits provides an opportunity for the Communist Party - USA to interpret the feelings of the people for the coming elections in 1960.

Remarks of CARL WINTER

CARL WINTER stated that he felt that the estimate of the exchange of visits given by EUGENE DENNIS is correct. He said, Two things require our attention. However, the main thing is for the Communist Party to analyze the thinking of the American masses. Maybe they have fears from the McCarthyite era, as GUS HALL stated. The latest anti-labor legislation may be an indication of this. WINTER stated, We need to estimate what is in the workers' minds. Do the workers feel that the ending of the cold war will worsen economic conditions? The workers profited from the Korean War. Are the masses influenced by this type of thinking?

Continuing, WINTER stated, Our concrete job is to prove to the American people that inflation is related to armaments and the cold war. We must show how the Government financed "natural security" and how it can now finance social measures. We must show that trade opportunities will bring economic progress and an ending of the cold war.

On political posture, WINTER said that the GOP boasts that in the KHRUSHCHEV-EISENHOWER exchange it has an issue for 1960. While the Democratic Party is hammering away at IKE for "gullibility" in dealing with KHRUSHCHEV, for not having enough arms, etc. This is serious. If we are careless, we might be

identified with the Republican Party, while in the past we have been identified with the Democratic Party because of our attitude toward the Soviet Union. In the trade union movement, there is a shift toward breaking from the Democratic Party. Our efforts should be to get the Democratic Party to change its policy in regard to anti-labor legislation rather than to swing away from the Democratic Party. The people may then understand our motivations.

Remarks of GEORGE MEYERS

GEORGE MEYERS stated that the experience in Baltimore was that there was no expression for an exchange of visits between KHRUSHCHEV and EISENHOWER until the President spoke up. MEYERS attributed this to the McCarthyite influence. He said that the effects from Strontium 90 have been found in milk in Baltimore and the working people are up in arms over this. MEYERS also stated that the economic basis of the cold war is important, since even small business profits from orders relating to armaments.

In conclusion, MEYERS said that he thinks that NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV is doing a good job in the United States, but there is still a rough fight ahead for the Communist Party - USA.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

BEN DAVIS said he thought that EUGENE DENNIS was correct on basic points. He stated, Our big job is how to take this big event and put it in terms where we develop peace movements and relations between the Party and the people. This is primary. Also, what is KHRUSHCHEV's visit doing for the concept of Communism, for Socialism, and for our Party? What is there in this situation to help us build our Party?

In regard to contradictions, United States imperialism did a job against Communism and the Soviet Union. Yet, the American people want peace. However, they did not display support for the chief Communist -- that is, KHRUSHCHEV. They were not against him and were not for him, but this latter will develop. The question is how to skillfully handle this situation in order to move it forward.

Next, DAVIS said that the Communist Party has been timid. The membership is not clear on what it is supposed to do. KHRUSHCHEV is not only the leader of the Soviet Union, but is a

brilliant man. This was evidenced by the way he explained Marxism, etc. There is in the United States more curiosity toward the Communist Party. We should set things in motion. Since the police are guarding the National Office of the Communist Party - USA during KHRUSHCHEV's visit, we are involved in it anyway. We should issue a statement containing our position in regard to friendship between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Remarks of ANTHONY KRCHMAREK

ANTHONY KRCHMAREK compared KHRUSHCHEV's visit to the United States with a tidal wave hitting the country. He said, We have been too reluctant to come forward. More boldness is needed. The way the leadership of the labor movement is reacting is disturbing. GEORGE MEANY is defending the bankrupt policy of United States imperialism. The steel workers thought that the visit of KHRUSHCHEV is helping them to settle the strike. We should occupy ourselves with labor.

Remarks of BURT NELSON

BURT NELSON discussed an editorial in the June 16, 1959, issue of the "Seattle Times", which welcomed the exchange of visits between KHRUSHCHEV and EISENHOWER. The editorial compared this exchange to a second EISENHOWER crusade. It pointed out that the cold war has existed since 1945 and has now reached a stalemate. Peace requires an end to this deadlock. NELSON asked why there is this expression while at the same time the people were restricted by the new anti-labor legislation.

Remarks of IRVING POTASH

IRVING POTASH stated that he agreed with the estimate of EUGENE DENNIS. However, he feels that there should be a concentration on the contradictions. For example, there is a lessening of international or cold war tensions and yet there is a sharpening of the class struggles as evidenced by the attacks on the labor movement. He said that the Party should not fall into Browderite or revisionist thinking -- that is, that friendship between the United States and the USSR will automatically bring about a lessening of the class struggle in the United States.

POTASH predicted that KHRUSHCHEV's reception would warm up as he went farther West. He said that there is a conscious

plan for people not to show enthusiasm for KHRUSHCHEV. He pointed out that in Washington, D.C., an automobile preceded KHRUSHCHEV with signs urging silence. He concluded by saying that the people's thinking is being corrupted.

Remarks of JACK STACHEL

JACK STACHEL stated, We should be careful so as not to underestimate the vastness of this visit of KHRUSHCHEV. The country will never be the same again. The visit took place despite opposition to it. Then he said that he wondered why there is a worsening of the conditions of the people while there is an easing of international tensions. He said that the workers need more power -- more strength.

STACHEL also stated that the crowds were not hostile to KHRUSHCHEV, but they were organized to be silent. The people are for peace, but they did not want to demonstrate for Communism.

In conclusion, STACHEL referred to an editorial by WALTER LIPPMANN in which he said that the United States has "no national purpose" and that it will be beaten unless such time as it has one, which can be used to rally the people. STACHEL said that the Communist Party should give the answer to such problems, just as it did in the 1940's or during the ROOSEVELT administration.

Remarks of MICKEY LIMA

MICKEY LIMA stated that the tone of the press in New York is different from that of the press in San Francisco. He stated that in San Francisco, there was a struggle to get KHRUSHCHEV as a speaker. The Mayor, the press association, the labor movement, etc., were all trying to get KHRUSHCHEV to address a gathering. LIMA also said that the Communist Party needs an economic program to show the alternatives to a war economy.

Remarks of ARNOLD JOHNSON

ARNOLD JOHNSON stated that he feels that it is necessary to emphasize the positive features of KHRUSHCHEV's visit. He stated that the visit itself is a defeat for the pro-war forces. He said that the meetings which were organized as a protest of the visit of KHRUSHCHEV to the United States were a flop. They were poorly attended and many seats were vacant.

JOHNSON said that the National Council of Churches, which represents 34 million people in the United States, sent a delegation to Washington, D.C., to make sure that President EISENHOWER would go through with the exchange of visits.

JOHNSON stated that there is a qualitative new stage in the fight for peace and co-existence which can bring about: (1) The outlawing of nuclear war; and (2) The ending of the cold war.

In concluding, JOHNSON reminded the National Executive Committee that an attack on the labor movement and the Communist Party is possible even while there is an easing of international tensions.

Remarks of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN deplored Communist Party timidity. As an example, she cited the idea of a luncheon for Mrs. KHRUSHCHEV while NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV was busy on other matters. She asked, Why were we silent when all other groups were speaking up on this idea of a luncheon and other matters? She stated that maybe the Communist Party in the United States should issue a statement after the visit of KHRUSHCHEV is concluded. She said that perhaps she could write such a statement, editorial, or article.

Remarks of JAMES JACKSON

JIM JACKSON spoke about the possible consequences of KHRUSHCHEV's visit on the morale of the membership of the Communist Party - USA. In this regard, he saw the possibility of increasing the sale of "The Worker" and pamphlets such as that of GEORGE MORRIS on the Soviet Union. He said that practical deeds should result from the visit. He stated that he also saw the possibility for an expansion in the activities of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship.

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

In summarizing, EUGENE DENNIS stated that the Communist Party - USA should grasp that which has already happened in the United States -- a cementing of relations with the USSR.

Motion by BEN DAVIS

BEN DAVIS made a motion that the theme for all Communist

Party meetings should be the visit of NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV to the United States. There was no opposition to this motion.

II. REMARKS BY GUS HALL ON THE MAIN
POLITICAL RESOLUTION FOR THE 17TH
NATIONAL CONVENTION

GUS HALL stated that the Party should keep constantly changing the main political resolution for the 17th National Convention. He said, We should check to see if it conforms to actuality. We should sharpen it, if necessary. I would suggest such a change in the section on the "Mass Work of the Party", particularly in regard to the methods and approaches to the united front. In our own minds, we should re-study the effects of the 7th World Congress of the Communist International on the World Communist Movement. The center of work was the united front. The French Party set the course at that time with the "peoples' front".

Continuing, HALL stated that without such a mass approach, mass Parties could not have grown in influence and numbers. He said, We cannot talk of the vanguard role of the Communist Party unless we understand and fight for leadership of mass work. We cannot understand the leading role of the working class unless we understand the role of the united front. In the United States, we cannot understand the role of the Negro people's fight for equality unless we understand the need for a united front. In the united front, two mistakes are possible, and these are: (1) Tailism; and (2) The forecasting of the future in terms of a blueprint. Both deviations are possible.

HALL then stated that the section of the resolution which deals with the democratic front and which appears in "Political Affairs" is not identical with the mimeographed draft of the same section.

Next, HALL said, We are sometimes too rigid in our formulations and this applies even to the concept of the "democratic front". Life does not fully correspond to some of our rigid concepts. At this point, HALL used the Russian shot to the moon as an analogy. He said that the shot was aimed at the moon, but corrections in the direction of flight had to be made as the shot was on its way to the moon. He said, It is not enough for us to set the "direction". We must correct the course as circumstances change.

Then HALL said, Terms have meaning in our Party; terms such as "democratic front" and "anti-monopoly coalition". The concept of a democratic front is an electoral concept. We must see it as it is and not as a unified organizational form. We must regard the anti-monopoly coalition as a loose amalgam.

HALL said, We must ask ourselves, Is there a base for an anti-monopoly coalition in the United States? Is it different from or is it a newer concept of "democratic front" or "people's front"?

Continuing, HALL stated that there is a new era in the life of our nation. There is something new. What is new? It is the position of the United States in the world. It is the new relationship of forces in the world. The visit of KHRUSHCHEV to the United States is a reflection of this new relationship. The era of challenge -- challenge by the Socialist world -- is here. What does this mean? (1) We cannot even imagine what this challenge will mean for our nation; (2) The colonial upsurge is another effect upon the United States. Cuba can be cited as an example; and (3) There is the challenge of the Capitalist countries to the United States.

HALL said that all of these things put together are a challenge to the United States. The forty-year boom era is coming to an end. There is also an internal challenge as represented by the effects of automation, which is in its infancy. This effect of automation explains the steel strike. There is also a financial crisis, a farm crisis, and a tax crisis. These are developing things which shortly will grip and influence the United States.

HALL continued by stating that the reaction of various groups is already visible. Witness the anti-labor bill and the steel strike. The attack by big business is taking a similar direction to the attack by big business in Germany in the 1930's. This is the outstanding factor in the United States. This makes the majority of all sections of the population the victim of big business. We have to approach these problems, study them and give guidance and leadership to the people in the United States in their fight against big business.

HALL asked how people react and fight the attacks of big business. He cited the response to Labor Day in New York. He also said that the response of the Negro people is militant. He stated that the response of the leadership of the AFL-CIO to

the visit of NIKITA KHRUSHCHEV should be disregarded. The middle class, and even sections of bigger business, try different approaches to the problem of the drive of big business. HALL stated that big business has a dual policy which is different from the DULLES policy. It is rapprochement and yet an attack on labor.

Next, HALL said that there is a peace movement in the United States, although it is a varied conglomeration. Also, the majority of the American people are moving in the same direction -- a confluence -- against monopoly. However, he cannot see the use of the term "democratic front". This term confuses our people and is too rigid. The important thing is the concept that a majority of the people should move or are moving in the same "direction". HALL said, We must find better terms, such as "unity of the majority" or "people's majority" to express this concept. If we appreciate this concept, we will better understand the role of the Left, which will arise demanding more militant action. We will then understand the role of the Party as a vanguard.

HALL then cited the experiences of the Italian Communist Party as an example of what he had in mind. He said that the Italian Communist Party states that nationalization is something for the future. Further, that while there should be some nationalization, it is not necessary that all industry be nationalized.

Next, HALL asked if the distinction between the terms "Party work" and "mass work" has built-in roadblocks. Is it an artificial division? As an example, HALL said that he attended a meeting of a Section which has 150 members. Of this number, two are in the Democratic Party. These two were discussing the "illusion" that they will capture the Democratic Party instead of discussing how the Party can break out of its isolation. He said that other similar examples could be cited. HALL stated that the big problem in the Communist Party - USA is how to break its isolation and to do mass work. Later, the Party could discuss and take up the independent role of the Party.

In conclusion, HALL said that most Communist Parties have renewed or refreshed their approach to the United front. Concepts change with time and new conditions. He cited the Italian Communist Party again and the elections in Sicily as an example that "frontism outlived itself". He said the French and Italian Communist Parties had issued a joint statement containing

new approaches which are in general terms and are not blueprints for the future.

Discussion of GUS HALL's Report on the
Main Political Resolution for the 17th
National Convention

Remarks of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT said that he felt that the direction of the main political resolution is sound. He stated that the democratic front is an extension and development of the people's front. It means the coming together of varied groups, but not in one organization. He stated that there is a growing awareness in the labor movement and the Negro people's movement about the need for a democratic front.

Remarks of MICKEY LIMA

MICKEY LIMA stated that the main political resolution is generally accepted in the Party, but there is no enthusiastic discussion of it. He said that he greets the approach of GUS HALL. He also stated that he believes that the Party needs to discuss independent political action and the labor movement. He said that the rank-and-file talks in a different manner than does GEORGE MEANY. He also stated that McCarthyism is no longer effective.

Remarks of JAMES JACKSON

JAMES JACKSON stated that a democratic front does not mean a formal coalescence or national organization. Each organization retains its independence, its leadership, etc. He asked, What and Who will give cohesion to this coalition? The Communist Party has to give such cohesion. The Party plants seeds in these various movements.

Remarks of HY LUMER

HY LUMER said that it is not a question of terms. What is involved is a form of united action in this period which is a different period than that of the 1930's.

Remarks of BURT NELSON

BURT NELSON said that he welcomed the probing by GUS

HALL. He also cited the appearance of GEORGE MORRIS on radio as an example of what can be accomplished with a democratic front.

Closing of the Discussion on the Main
Political Resolution

After some very brief remarks by ANTHONY KRCHMAREK, JACK STACHEL, and ARNOLD JOHNSON, it was decided to close this discussion and postpone the remainder of the discussion on the resolution to the next meeting of the full National Executive Committee.

III. REPORT OF IRVING POTASH ON THE
STEEL STRIKE AND ANTI-LABOR
LEGISLATION

IRVING POTASH stated that the offensive launched by the National Association of Manufacturers is now recognized by trade union leaders, even by GEORGE MEANY. A great deal of pressure forces this recognition. The trade union movement also recognizes the aims of this offensive and these aims are to depress wages and to destroy the trade union movement. He said that the steel strike is one spearhead of this offensive. Another spearhead is the anti-labor legislation. Now there is also a drive to include the trade unions in the anti-trust laws.

POTASH said that the McClellan investigation was an artillery barrage to clear the way for this offensive. The policy and tactics pursued by the top labor leaders who initially co-operated with MC CLELLAN caused the expulsion of the Teamsters Union, weakened the trade unions, and played into the hands of monopoly.

Next, POTASH asked, What is the outlook of big business? He said that the steel strike is entering its tenth week. The stock pile of steel can last to the middle of October, 1959. The steel companies are solid thus far, although Inland and Kaiser present a little different situation.

POTASH stated that not all the employers can follow the steel corporations. There have been settlements in rubber, some in packing and some in metal mining. This indicates that not all employers are as rich as the steel trusts. The ranks of the steel workers are solid. The counter demands of the steel trusts united the workers, since their leaders deserted to the demands. Picketing is on a small scale, but morale is high. The companies

know this and so does the Government. Letters are being sent to workers in an attempt to effect a break in the ranks of the union. The Government will probably try to invoke a Taft-Hartley injunction.

According to POTASH, Local funds are running out or are low. Only in New York (Buffalo) is their unemployment compensation. Relief is hard to get. The workers have to fight for it. In some localities, where there is pressure, the workers are getting surplus food. There are appeals for aid from the labor movement. Except for Section 2-B (counter demands of the corporations), there is no fight to restore the old demands as originally proposed by the Union.

POTASH said that DAVID MC DONALD's tour has been one of confusion. The attendance has been small. His speeches are on the defensive and they are unclear.

Then POTASH said that the strategy of the corporations and the Government is to keep the strike going until October and then to evoke Taft-Hartley, force a bad settlement with a small wage increase resulting in a weakened union. If there is no settlement, then evoke an injunction which would be followed by another stock piling for eighty days.

POTASH said that President EISENHOWER and Secretary of Labor MITCHELL are putting pressure on the union, but not on the companies. He said that fact-finding is direct pressure on the strikers but was rejected by the companies.

POTASH said that there is a need at this time to campaign to stop the use of Taft-Hartley.

Then POTASH said that there are some favorable things in this strike situation. One is the recognition that the steel strike is a part of the general attack on labor. WALTER REUTHER proposed a special conference on the steel strike before the AFL-CIO Convention. However, for this there was substituted a discussion in the first session of the Executive Council for the purpose of working out ways and means to meet the offensive. They called for support of all labor for the strike. Labor Day was set aside for steel strike support. There is an aim for a 100 million dollar fund for the strikers. Now it is a question if implementing the good intentions.

POTASH said that the Communist Party - USA has issued

leaflets nationally and locally. So far, there has been no attack on these leaflets from the trade union movement. He said that in some places, Communist Party members are active in the strike.

In regard to anti-labor legislation, POTASH stated that MEANY said that the law passed by Congress is the most damaging anti-labor law since Taft-Hartley. POTASH traced the passage of the law to a lack of fight against Taft-Hartley, to the abandonment of the drive to organize the unorganized, and to the co-operation of labor leaders with cold war policies. He said that the McCarthyite expulsion of Communist Party members from unions weakened the labor movement and led to the present defeat.

POTASH stated that he did not know the reaction of the rank-and-file to this new legislation, but did know that some labor leaders expressed defeatism. He said that an editorial in the publication of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America shows that labor made a mistake in originally endorsing reforms, etc. This editorial also urges a farm-labor coalition.

POTASH said that there is an article in the new labor law which deals with Communists. He said that it does not require affidavits, but no union member who is or has been a Communist Party member can serve as an official in a trade union. The law provides for a one-year jail sentence and a \$10,000 fine if the union knowingly allows a Communist Party member to be an officer of the union.

Conclusion of the First Day Session

After a few brief remarks on POTASH's report by MICKEY LIMA, GEORGE MEYERS, CARL WINTER, BURT NELSON, MORRIS CHILDS, and CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, ANTHONY KRCHMAREK made the following statements:

KRCHMAREK said that there is a wide recognition that the steel strike is a new kind of strike. It is a strike with new features. The steel workers are on the defensive ideologically because of the campaigns against inflation and against corruption in the trade unions. He said that while the steel strikers are on the defensive, they do not have a defeatist attitude. He said that the picket lines are getting bigger because they are now serving food to those on the picket lines. In conclusion, KRCHMAREK stated that the basic issue in the steel strike is

automation. Therefore, the companies want the work rules changed in order to keep up with the changes brought about by automation.

The first day session of this National Executive Committee meeting was concluded at this point with a decision that the discussion of the report of IRVING POTASH would be resumed on the following day.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-26603C43)

DATE: 9/28/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN (415)

SUBJECT: CP, UAS, KINGS COUNTY
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On 8/21/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that PHIL and CONNIE BART had been visited at their residence by JIM TORMEY during which time they had discussed various items. During the discussion CONNIE mentioned that at the meeting she and TORMEY were attending that night the "peace reports" were scheduled and maybe they would be able to leave early. PHIL BART mentioned that BILL PATTERSON would probably not stay too long as his wife LOUISE had an accident last week end and had broken her arm. CONNIE then asked TORMEY if he would be able to make the meeting at her apartment Tuesday which would be attended by PEARL (LAWS) and DANNY (RUBEL) along with himself. TORMEY said that he would not be able to come as he feels he is really not needed and that she could handle it.

- ① - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
- 1 - New York (100-15946) (JIM TORMEY) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-129629) (BILL ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-135484) (LOUISE PATTERSON) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-85936) (PEARL LAWS) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-117158) (DANNY RUBEL) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-8837) (HARRY ONCHER) (422)
- 1 - New York (100-13483) (BETTY GANNETT) (416)
- 1 - New York (100-135484) (AGNES WILLIS) (422)
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He said that he is also supposed to attend a meeting Tuesday of the section of which HARRY ONCHER is the organizer. He said he didn't know why they wanted him to attend. TORMEY then commented that the previous week "Flatbush had a good meeting" both in attendance and content. CONNIE mentioned that there were ten people present and TORMEY said that the poorest meeting was one in Brighton where there were twenty-three people but that the meeting had no organization.

TORMEY mentioned his wife, BETTY GANNETT, and said that she is not feeling well and she isn't too happy about what the doctors have to say. He said she is losing weight and is overtired and is very worried.

CONNIE and TORMEY then discussed the meeting which was to be held that night at the BART apartment. PHIL asked who is coming and CONNIE comments ALAN and AGNES would both be there. TORMEY speaks of AGNES (WILLIS) in very glowing terms and comments that she is a remarkable person having raised two girls all by herself and that one of the girls is sixteen years old and that AGNES can't be much more than thirty-five years herself. CONNIE comments that she is a member of the Electrical Workers and has obtained all her education through the union. She said that AGNES has much more on the ball than (name not clear). TORMEY disagrees with this saying that he has more on the ball than any one else in Brooklyn. TORMEY says that this person is a big shot in the Negro Baptist Church and is president of the Ushers Association there. He said that the only reason he is not higher in the Party is because of an unfortunate association with a former CP member who robbed someone. He said he was told he would never hold a leadership position because of this indiscretion.

The conversation then turns to the possibility of getting former CP members to rejoin and CONNIE BART mentions a HELEN (LNU) who owns a station wagon. In

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this regard PHIL BART mentions a Jewish woman who is married to an Italian person who works for the New York Post. The name of FRANK HOLLY (PH) is mentioned. PHIL says that he is still in the Party but not active. He said that his wife was in the CP but when the Jewish question in Russia became known she quit.

They then talked about the Kings County CP fund drive and CONNIE asked TORMEY how it is progressing and TORMEY mentions that they have collected about 40% of the \$15,000.

Later in the evening various people enter the apartment and go into the BART living room where apparently a meeting takes place. The names of TOM, RAY, JORDAN, ALAN, DANNY, PAT, ALONZO and AGNES are mentioned.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES

Date; 9/28/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-80461)

SUBJECT: CP-ORGANIZATION
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On 8/24/59, NY 1750-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that CONNIE and PHIL BART had discussed a number of matters at their residence. During the discussion BART mentioned that he had been to visit WILLIAM Z. FOSTER at his country house. He said that the meeting was "sort of an organizational conference in that FOSTER wanted him to tell him what goes on in the organization." He said that then FOSTER tried to tell him what type of report should be delivered to the National Convention and that he, BART, should indicate that the deterrent to the CP prior to 1956 was Reactionaryism and McCarthyism. He said that FOSTER said that the Party could have grown after 1956 but that the obstruction then was Revisionism. He said that FOSTER's theory is that the Party is being held back by the right wing which is nothing but a lot of "boloney."

2 - Los Angeles
1 - Detroit (100-) (CARL WINTER) (INFO)
1 - Philadelphia (100-) (JOE ROBERTS)
1 - San Francisco (100-) (CP-ORGANIZATION)
① - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART) (415)
1 - New York (100-9385) (WILLIAM Z. FOSTER) (415)
1 - New York (100-84944) (GUS HALL) (415)
1 - New York (100-8057) (GENE DENNIS) (415)
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He said that something should be done about keeping some of the people that talk like this from the convention like "What's her name from California?" He said that GUS HALL is going to talk to DOROTHY HEALY about it when he goes out there. He mentioned that HALL is going to California to speak. BART then said that the same should be done for JOE ROBERTS but that he's out anyway.

BART said that FOSTER didn't mention GENE DENNIS by name but that he took several digs at him. He said that FOSTER mentioned the Constitution being dumped and changed and he explained to him that it was his (BART's) idea and that it had been backed unanimously by the NC. He said that they realized that if they should try to write a new document there would be all sorts of arguments at the convention and nothing would ever be decided. He said, therefore, it was decided that the old Constitution would be presented and open to changes and amendments and that all of these would be sent to the Executive Committee along with the document he himself was writing. He said that FOSTER keeps harping on the fact that any changes is Revisionism and he won't stand for it. He said, for instance, FOSTER doesn't want them to say that the CP is a Vanguard organization. He said that FOSTER insists it is the Vanguard. He said it is just about the same as CARL WINTER who is also against any change.

PHIL said that FOSTER didn't look too well and his voice doesn't sound right. He said that FOSTER had an accident a while back and hurt his leg and is still having trouble with it. He commented that FOSTER had showed him his right leg. It is all shrivelled up. They both then discussed the will of FOSTER to live and carry on.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-68)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33740)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

DATE: 9/29/59

UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO FULLY PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF A HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

CG 5824-S*, on September 23, 1959, orally furnished to SA JOHN E. KEATING the information on the following page. This oral information was reduced to writing on September 24, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Cincinnati (100-) (CP-USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Cleveland (100-) (CP-USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Detroit (100-) (CP-USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Los Angeles (100-) (CP-USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Minneapolis (100-) (CP-USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 4 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-80638) (CP-USA, Membership)
 - (1 - 100-128817) (CP-USA, New York District, Membership)
 - (1 - 100-131666) (CP-USA, Southern Regional Committee)
 - (1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100-32208) (CP-USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (100-) (CP-USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 1 - San Francisco (100-26239) (CP-USA, Membership) (REGISTERED)
- 4 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-18952) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Membership)
 - (1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)

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On September 23, 1959, MORRIS CHILDS was heard to ask PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary of the Communist Party - USA, what he should say is the current membership of the Communist Party - USA, if he should happen to be asked that question by another Communist Party.

PHIL BART stated that the membership of the Communist Party - USA is about 5,000. BART said that if you want to be liberal, you could say that it is 6,000. Asked what the membership figures are for the major Districts in the Communist Party - USA, BART replied as follows:

New York has 1,800, although it is probably closer to 1,700 than it is to 1,800.

Illinois states that it has 600, but I say that this figure is too high.

Northern California has 400 members, and Southern California has 1,000 members. The total for California is 1,400.

Minnesota and the Dakotas - 300.

Ohio has 400 members, although this is liberal and probably padded, as are most of these figures.

Michigan has 300 members.

All of Pennsylvania has 150 members, with just a handful in Pittsburgh, so most of these are in Eastern Pennsylvania.

When asked the figure for the South, BART said that he did not know. He said that the other Districts do not have enough members worth talking about.

SAC (65-1686)

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SA FORREST F. BURGESS

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On 9/10/59, [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA FORREST F. BURGESS of the following: This information was dictated on 9/14/59 into statement form, typed by Stenographer [REDACTED] on 9/14/59, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 9/24/59. It is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Philadelphia, Pa.
September 10, 1959

[REDACTED] received a letter dated August 14, 1959, from PHIL BART which was addressed to the [REDACTED]. This letter called attention to the fact that the 'N.E.C.' that week had discussed the Worker Fund Drive and the efforts required by the Party to assure the success of this drive. It was indicated in this letter that the current issue of 'The Worker' reflected out of an objective of \$2,000, the Eastern Pennsylvania District, CPEPD, had sent in \$1,245 which was 62 percent. It was pointed out 'the situation is critical' for 'The Worker' and the assistance of the Eastern Pennsylvania District was solicited to assure the continued operation of 'The Worker.'"

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① - New York (RM)
1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)

6 - Philadelphia
1 - 65-1686
1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART)
1 - 100-1502 (CPEPD)
1 - 100-30295 (CPUSA-FUNDS)
1 - 100-4842 ("THE WORKER")
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69) DATE: 9/29/59
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-33741)
SUBJECT: COMMUNIST PARTY - USA
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UTMOST CARE MUST BE USED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING THE
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CG 5824-S*, on September 21, 1959, orally furnished to
SA JOHN E. KEATING the following summary of the second day of
sessions of a meeting of the National Executive Committee of the
Communist Party - USA, held in New York City on September 18 and
19, 1959:

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED)
- 2 - Baltimore (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-12464) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-12076) (GEORGE MEYERS)
- 3 - Cleveland (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-17257) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-4211) (GUS HALL)
 - (1 - 65-721) (ANTHONY KRCHMAREK)
- 2 - Detroit (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-2050) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-13420) (CARL WINTER)
- 22 - New York (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-81752) (CP-USA, Brief)
 - (1 - 100-89691) (CP-USA, Domestic Administration Issues)
 - (1 - 100-87211) (CP-USA, Factionalism)
 - (1 - 100-86624) (CP-USA, International Relations)
 - (1 - 100-80641) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-79717) (CP-USA, Political Activities)

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- (1 - 100-81338) (CP-USA, Security Measures)
- (1 - 100-89590) (CP-USA, Strategy in Industry)
- (1 - 100-80644) (CP-USA, Youth Matters)
- (1 - 100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON)
- ~~(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)~~
- (1 - 100-23825) (BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.)
- (1 - 100-8057) (EUGENE DENNIS)
- (1 - 100-1696) (ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)
- (1 - 100-84994) (GUS HALL)
- (1 - 100-16785) (JAMES JACKSON)
- (1 - 100-16021) (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
- (1 - 100-105076) (HY LUMER)
- (1 - 100-48033) (IRVING POTASH)
- (1 - 100-) (PAUL ROBESON, JR.)
- (1 - 100-) (MILT ROSEN)
- (1 - 100-18065) (JACK STACHEL)

- 2 - San Francisco (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-27747) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 65-1242) (MICKEY LIMA)

- 2 - Seattle (REGISTERED)
 - (1 - 100-) (CP-USA, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-127) (BURT NELSON)

- 5 - Chicago
 - (1 - A/134-46)
 - (1 - 100-18953) (CP-USA, Illinois District, Organization)
 - (1 - 100-3470) (MORRIS CHILDS)
 - (1 - 61-867) (CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT)

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September 21, 1959

Time, Type, and Place of Meeting

The second day of sessions of a two-day meeting of the National Executive Committee of the Communist Party - USA was held in New York City on Saturday, September 19, 1959, in a suite of rooms in the Chelsea Hotel. This suite of rooms was occupied by CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT and MICKEY LIMA. LIGHTFOOT usually stops at this hotel while in New York City. The purpose of holding the meeting at this location instead of at the national headquarters of the Communist Party - USA was not only to provide security, but also to provide an atmosphere where the meeting could be conducted without interruption.

Persons in Attendance

The following members of the National Executive Committee were in attendance at this meeting:

BEN DAVIS	HY LUMER
EUGENE DENNIS	GEORGE MEYERS
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN	BURT NELSON
GUS HALL	IRVING POTASH
JAMES JACKSON	JACK STACHEL
ANTHONY KRCHMAREK	CARL WINTER
CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT	
MICKEY LIMA	

The following invitees were also present:

BILL ALBERTSON
PHIL BART
MORRIS CHILDS
ARNOLD JOHNSON

Continuation of the Discussion of IRVING POTASH's Report on the Steel Strike and the Passing of Anti-Labor Legislation

Remarks of MICKEY LIMA

MICKEY LIMA said that he is for the rights of labor, but is not for the Bill of Rights for union members which is in the Landrum-Griffin Bill. He said, "We should have concentrated against the Landrum-Griffin Bill."

Remarks of HY LUMER

HY LUMER stated, We need more information and an analysis of the economic roots of the Landrum-Griffin Bill. That is, information on the "inflation campaign", on wage cuts, on automation, and on foreign competition. He said that many European plants are technically on a par with plants in the United States in regard to automation. Many companies expect an economic slump in the United States. We need a political and not a legal analysis of the new labor legislation.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

BEN DAVIS stated that there is no crusading spirit in the Communist Party - USA. He asked, Why is this so? He did not answer the question. He stated that Capitalists in the United States are preparing for competition with the USSR at the expense of the working class. He said that JAMES HOFFA is a new kind of guy. He urged support of HOFFA, because HOFFA is militant. In regard to organizing the South, DAVIS said that if the AFL-CIO will not do it, then the Communist Party - USA should.

Remarks of GUS HALL

GUS HALL stated that the trade union leadership betrayed the workers. It did not fight against the new labor legislation. It did not believe that the legislation would pass. Therefore, the leadership is in the same boat with the membership. The labor movement will be an empty shell if the Taft-Hartley and Landrum-Griffin Acts are used.

HALL asked, Why is there this type of sharpness in the attack by big business? He said that it is not due to the economic cycle. We are in a boom; therefore, the economic cycle theory is no good. We need to analyze this present economic and political stage -- the general crisis of Capitalism as it is developing in America. This is not a temporary phenomenon. It will be with us for some time. Socialist development is having a direct effect upon our life. Unless we understand this, we will not be a force in the United States. The center of this general crisis of Capitalism is automation. Automation is not just another speed-up. It replaces men.

In conclusion, HALL suggested the formation of a commission for the purpose of studying the Landrum-Griffin Bill.

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

EUGENE DENNIS stated that the draft of the main political resolution for the 17th National Convention deals with the offensive of big business. He said, however, that he agrees with GUS HALL that it is necessary to dig more deeply into an analysis of this offensive. This is why the unity of labor and the unity of the people is so important. It is necessary to explain the cause of the division between the working class and its allies. There is a possibility to counter and to reverse the attacks of big business.

DENNIS said that the Landrum-Griffin Bill is sinister and that it will take the heart out of the labor movement, if it is not checked. He said that there must be big political and economic struggles and an all-sided fight against this anti-labor act. DENNIS stated, We should signalize that the Landrum-Griffin Act needs to be fought. There is a need to fight it just as the injunctions of old were fought. This labor legislation presents new political opportunities for the opening of Congress in 1960. There should be amendments to repeal the provisions of this legislation. There should also be a legal challenge to the Landrum-Griffin Act in the courts. It is necessary to help JIMMIE HOFFA, regardless of the opinion of him as a person, since this labor legislation is a burden on the teamsters.

Concluding Remarks of IRVING POTASH

In his remarks concluding the discussion on the steel strike and the anti-labor legislation, IRVING POTASH said that it is correct to say that the Landrum-Griffin Act is a part of the offensive against the labor movement. The steel strike is also a part of this offensive. POTASH stated that he believes that the next phase of this offensive will be an anti-trust attack on labor, even though it will be disguised as regulation of "labor and management". POTASH stated that this next phase may come after the AFL-CIO Convention being held in California.

POTASH stated that the new stage of American Capitalism is responsible for this offensive. This new stage involves Socialist competition and also new rivalries from other Capitalist countries. The results are a special and new kind of strike. At the April, 1959, meeting of the National Committee of the Communist Party - USA, not all of us saw this or the implications of it.

Next, POTASH asked, Why is automation lagging in the United States? He said that even in the steel industry, automation is used only to a partial extent and he believes that industry is resisting it. He stated that he thinks the reason for this is that industrial capacity in the United States is great and the corporations are driving the workers, who work on old machines, to speed up and to compete with automation.

Concluding his remarks, POTASH stated that the key tasks are the following:

(1) A deepening of solidarity movements. This does not mean mere financial support, since the trade unions will take care of the money problems. The fact is that the rank-and-file workers are not yet aware of the implications of the steel strike.

(2) A drive to prevent the injection of the Taft-Hartley Law against the steel strikers.

(3) A study of the anti-Communist provisions in the Landrum-Griffin Act.

Motion to Adopt POTASH's Report

A motion was made and adopted to accept POTASH's report, including the three specific points he enumerated in his concluding remarks. It was also agreed to establish a sub-committee to study the Landrum-Griffin Bill and to formulate motions based on the discussion at this meeting. These motions will be presented to a meeting of the full National Executive Committee in November, 1959.

III. THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY - USA

Remarks of EUGENE DENNIS

EUGENE DENNIS started the discussion on the future leadership of the Communist Party - USA with some very general opening remarks. He talked about the kind of leadership and the kind of National Committee that is needed. He talked about the size of the National Committee and the need to combine the new with the old. He suggested that consideration be given to the establishing of a Secretariat of either three or five members. He also suggested that the next National Committee and the next

National Executive Committee should be smaller in size. He also suggested that the problem of leadership be discussed with composition in mind; that is, workers, women, Negroes, and younger people.

DENNIS also stated that there are problems in several Districts because they lack leadership. He mentioned New England and both Districts in Pennsylvania. He said that consideration should be given to the establishing of regional set-ups -- one each for the East, the Midwest, and the far West.

In general, DENNIS made a very innocuous report and did not attempt to deal with personalities.

Remarks of GUS HALL

GUS HALL followed DENNIS. He said that as a result of his visits to various Districts, he has come to the conclusion that there is a crisis in the leadership not only nationally, but in many Districts and in the Sections of most Districts. HALL said that there is concern in the Party about the leadership. This concern is not basically motivated by factionalism, even if there are some remnants of factionalism in the Party. He said that in the past few weeks, he has attended 29 meetings and the question of leadership constantly comes up in meetings and it also comes up in personal discussions.

Then HALL said that the crisis in the top leadership, nationally and in the Districts, and even in the Sections, not only relates to personalities but also to the concept of leadership. Some of this concept of leadership is a left-over from the factional struggle. He also said that the membership does not yet feel that the leadership uses initiative.

HALL stated that he believes there is a top layer crisis nationally, and in all Districts. There are collections of individuals, but no collective. He said that what is needed is a spirit of collective work and the discipline to go with it. This is not the case at present. One can go where he pleases at any time, etc. Then HALL said that there is a feeling among the members that the Party is not going anyplace and that it is not growing politically. He said he believes that there is an element of truth in this.

Next, HALL stated that there is also a feeling among the membership that we in the leadership are smug and are sitting

on our laurels. There is also an element of truth in this. Further, some of the members think that the national leaders are not modest in their statements about themselves. There is a feeling that we are not realistic and that we use cliches rather than give answers to questions.

Next, HALL said that the atmosphere in our Party is not conducive to a healthy discussion. It is the same in most Districts. There is a feeling of futility if questions will be raised. What is needed is a democratic atmosphere where no clubs and no threats will be used.

HALL stated that in his opinion, the number one question is collective leadership. He said, On the basis of collective leadership, we can build confidence in the leadership. Furthermore, classes are needed now in order to train cadre. He also said that teamwork is a mark of contribution. If a comrade does not participate in teamwork, he can become an obstacle.

HALL asked, Where does this lack of initiative and forms of leadership stem from? Is it a basic ideological question? He said, Maybe we have lost confidence in Marxism-Leninism or in the ability of the Party. Maybe we are overwhelmed by Capitalist strength. There is an element of truth in the statement that we are influenced by Capitalist propaganda.

In concluding his remarks, GUS HALL said that he is not aspiring to a national position. He stated that he would prefer other tasks. He also stated that he will not be a party to any maneuvers. He said he is not going to be used by anybody and repeated that he is not running for office. He said the fact is that he does not want to be a national officer and that he does want to be an organizer.

It is to be noted that neither DENNIS nor HALL named names in their remarks. Further, the statement by HALL that he was not aspiring to a national position was not taken seriously.

Remarks of ANTHONY KRCHMAREK

ANTHONY KRCHMAREK said that the Party needs an inspirational leadership and not one such as we have had in the past which only holds the line. He said he believes that a national leader should remove himself if he is an obstacle. He also stated that new leaders are needed to do new things.

Remarks of ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN said that her talents are not being used. She said that maybe she is only a symbol. While she is an honored symbol, she is a symbol of the past. She is not a part of the present. She stated that she is ready to step aside and to make room for someone else. She said that in her opinion age and health should be considered in the selection of the leadership. While the older members should be given some credit, younger members should be given a chance. She said that perhaps the old-timers could be used as speakers, teachers, etc. If this is not done, the size of the National Committee cannot be reduced.

FLYNN also complained that women in leading positions are not being used and she accused the Party leadership of male chauvinism. She also said that there is a group which has been in its post for too long a period. She thinks that some members in the National Executive Committee should go into the Districts and renew contacts with the members. She also said that everyone is a "status seeker" and many are too comfortably situated in New York.

Remarks of ARNOLD JOHNSON

ARNOLD JOHNSON said that there is no collectivity in the leadership. He stated that actually there is no leadership. He said he can walk the halls of the National Office of the Communist Party - USA without anyone caring anything about what he is doing. He complained that he is being used as an errand boy. JOHNSON made the following proposal for the new leadership:

BEN DAVIS, Chairman
GUS HALL, Secretary
GENE DENNIS, part of the Secretariat

JOHNSON, in his remarks, also stated that JIM JACKSON is like a DU BOIS. That is, he is a scholar but not a very practical man.

It is noted that JOHNSON started the naming of names in the discussion of the national leadership.

Remarks of JAMES JACKSON

JAMES JACKSON said that his proposal for the national leadership would be the following:

GENE DENNIS, Chairman
GUS HALL, Secretary
JAMES JACKSON, Secretary

JACKSON also answered JOHNSON's criticism of him. JACKSON said, I am a Marxist-Leninist. DU BOIS is a scholar, but DU BOIS is not a Marxist-Leninist.

JACKSON also criticized BEN DAVIS. He said that DAVIS deals in generalities and that DAVIS is guilty of demagoguery. JACKSON said that DAVIS cannot be a leader and that he, JACKSON, would be against DAVIS as a national leader in the Party.

Remarks of BEN DAVIS

BEN DAVIS stated that he agreed with the comments of GUS HALL concerning the leadership. He said that HALL's remarks demonstrate how the membership looks at the present style of leadership. He said that the present leadership has no theoretical boldness in political action and in style of work. He said, We need a leadership which leads by example and goes to the masses. He said that he believes that there are elements of revisionism and elements of conciliation in the leadership.

DAVIS also stated that the Communist Party - USA has never clarified its position on the Hungarian situation. Furthermore, the Party does not emphasize the Right danger. He also talked about the fact that there are old and sick people in the leadership and that these people do not have mass contacts.

DAVIS proposed the following national leadership:

GUS HALL, General Secretary
BEN DAVIS, Chairman

DAVIS said that DENNIS is a useful comrade and should be a part of the team; however, DENNIS is not a dynamic leader. DAVIS also proposed that MILT ROSEN and PAUL ROBESON, JR., be named for top positions in the leadership of the Communist Party - USA.

Remarks of CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT talked about the type of leadership the Party needs. He did not name names nor deal in personalities.

Remarks of CARL WINTER

CARL WINTER stated that it is necessary to listen to the comments and to the opinions of the rank-and-file members in regard to the national leadership. He again said that the Party should not go too far in changing the Constitution.

Remarks of IRVING POTASH

IRVING POTASH stated that as far as his work in the trade union field is concerned, he is frustrated. He said that conditions are different now than they used to be. He stated that he wanted to be with and have contacts with trade unionists but it is not possible to meet with them as in the old days.

POTASH also complained that there is no collective leadership. He said that no one bothers to ask him what he is doing. He again said that he has become frustrated and stated that maybe he is not fit for the position as Trade Union or Labor Secretary.

Decision on the Question of the Future Leadership of the Communist Party - USA

At the conclusion of this heated discussion on the future leadership of the Communist Party - USA, a motion was made that all present pledge themselves to secrecy, in regard to this discussion. This motion would permit a general discussion of leadership, but not a discussion of personalities. This motion was accepted.

It was further agreed that the full National Executive Committee will meet again during the first part of November, 1959, at which time the leadership question would be discussed again. This discussion will involve the size and type of leadership and the personalities involved.

It was also agreed that the National Committee will meet in November, 1959. The resident National Executive Committee will decide the date for the National Committee meeting. While it had been tentatively agreed not to hold a meeting of the National Committee prior to the National Convention, it was pointed out that the Constitution requires four meetings of the National Committee each year. Thus, it was decided that it is necessary to have another meeting of the National Committee this year in order to comply with the provisions of the Constitution.

IV. A NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

There was no discussion on the fourth item on the agenda -- a National Youth Conference. A national youth conference, tentatively scheduled for October, 1959, has been postponed. An enlarged youth conference may be held in mid November, 1959, and some regional youth conferences may also be held. The next meeting of the National Executive Committee, during the first part of November, 1959, will deal with youth, as well as other matters.

COMMENTS OF CG 5824-S*

In a private discussion, MICKEY LIMA said that if he knew that personalities were going to be taken up during the discussion of the leadership, he would have come out against GUS HALL as the leader of the Party. LIMA said that GUS HALL was responsible for the line that fascism is around the corner and that all the Party needed was 10% of its membership -- the tested and loyal people. LIMA said that during the underground days, the California District fought against this line which was proposed by HALL.

The discussions brought out that many consider JACK STACHEL a conciliator. The supporters of the Left-wing viewpoint are opposed to him because he did not crack down on JOHN GATES when GATES was the Editor of the "Daily Worker".

There is a feeling in the national leadership of the Communist Party - USA that Communism in the United States is on the upgrade, that it is becoming more popular and stronger. There is also a feeling that there is a crisis in the labor movement and that this provides opportunities for the Party. Thus, the Party needs the kind of leadership which can speak to the people in the United States.

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"Philadelphia, Pa.
September 10, 1959

"PHIL BART, National Organization Secretary, Communist Party USA, sent a letter on September 8, 1959, from New York to [] which read as follows:

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"Sept. 8, 1959

'Dear Comrades:

'This is a follow-up letter for a conference on Party organization which will be held Saturday and Sunday 26th and 27th. This is one of two conferences being held that weekend to discuss problem of party organization.

'We would appreciate your sending a delegation to this conference to be held Saturday 10 A.M.

'Should you desire to attend the 40 Anniversary mass meeting in New York which is scheduled for the evening before-Friday, Sept. 25th in Carnegie Hall-let us know in advance for a car to bring in a full delegation to this conference and we would like to heard from you by return mail.'

- ① - New York (RM)
- 1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)
- 4 - Philadelphia
- 1 - 100-31723
- 1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART)
- 1 - 65-1686 []
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"Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 14, 1959

[] was overheard to say that PHIL BART had called him on [] and indicated he would possibly be over on that day to visit [] at his residence. He also arranged to meet [] on the morning of [] and to stay over part of that evening to visit the [] meeting scheduled for [] on that night, [] According to [] BART, however, did not come to his residence on the evening of []

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)

DATE: 9/30/59

FROM : SA HAROLD P. QUINN

SUBJECT: PHIL BART
SM-CIdentity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/19/59, PHIL (BART) contacted BILL (ALBERTSON) telling him that they have problem in the I.J. MORRIS funeral parlor, said (ONDA) will be denied burial in a Jewish cemetery and that only other cemetery they are connected with is in Jersey which "TERESA" (ONDA) does not want. PHIL asked where "PETE", AMTER and others are buried. BILL said they are buried in Valhalla but does not know details. He suggested PHIL contact CARL BRODSKY tomorrow morning as he said CARL will either know or will know where to contact JERRY TRAUBER, who works for stone cutting place in Yonkers and will know. BILL said he could not help because he has a meeting with "the youth" or "a youth caucus" tomorrow morning which will last all day.

- 1- New York (100-129629) (WILLIAM ALBERTSON) (416)
- 1- New York (100-6622) (ANDY ONDA) (422)
- 1- New York (100-56579) (415)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-16785)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

JIM JACKSON
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/20/59, PHIL BART contacted JIM JACKSON, explained that he wanted some information concerning a grave plot for ONDA and asked JACKSON if he remembered who made the arrangements for ED (PH). JACKSON indicated that the person was FUNT (ph) and suggested that maybe MORRIS the undertaker might have connections and could call FUNT. BART explained that ONDA had gone to work yesterday, and then went to a doctor's office for the treatment of an ailment, and dropped dead while he was in the doctor's office; that he left two boys eight and ten; that the services were scheduled for Tuesday morning.

- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-16785)

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SA HAROLD P. QUINN

CARL BORDSKY
SM-C

Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)
Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past
Date: 9/20/59

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/20/59 PHIL BART contacted CARL BORDSKY and explained that ANDY ONDA had died yesterday. PHIL said he wanted advice concerning a cemetery plot. He explained that the plot available is Jewish; that ONDA was not Jewish; and that they could not bury him there. BART then asked BORDSKY "where CACCIONE (ph) and these guys" were buried. BORDSKY replied "upstate." BORDSKY said that he could not offer any advice and suggested that BART call DAVE GREENE (sp) or JERRY (ph) TRAUBER (sp) who lives in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn.

- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-6622) (ANDY ONDA) (422)
- 1- New York (100-17924) (424)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC (100-31723)

FROM: SA JOHN T. BLAIR

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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9/30/59

On 9/4/59, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, orally advised SA JOHN T. BLAIR of the following. This information was rough drafted on 9/7/59 by SA BLAIR into statement form, transcribed by Stenographer [] on 9/7/59, and was then read and initialed by the informant on 9/8/59. It is maintained in []

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2 - New York (RM.)
1 - 100-56579 (PHILIP BART)
1 - 100-23825 []

30- Philadelphia
1 - 100-31723
1 - 100-6176 ("POLITICAL AFFAIRS")
1 - 100-6289 (COMINFIL USWA)
1 - 100-43435 (CP ATTEMPTS TO INFILTRATE MASS ORGS.)
1 - 100-43812 (COMINFIL MASS ORGANIZATIONS)
1 - 100-43409 (SYU)
1 - 100-1502-2022 (CPEPD, DELAWARE COUNTY SECTION)
1 - 100-1502-5969 (CPEPD, INDUSTRIAL SECTION)
1 - 100-1502-1955 (CPEPD, 4TH CD SECTION)
1 - 100-1502-1957 (CPEPD, 5TH CD SECTION)
1 - 100-1502-2000 (CPEPD, 6TH CD SECTION)
1 - 100-32825 (CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)
1 - 100-33143 (CPUSA-NEGRO QUESTION)
1 - 100-31643 (CPUSA-PAMPHLETS & PUBLICATIONS)
1 - 100-33144 (CPUSA-YOUTH MATTERS)
1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART)
1 - 100-34061 []
1 - 100-37636 []
1 - 100-35375 []
1 - 100-20479 []
1 - 100-22603 []
1 - 100-1045 []
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"Philadelphia, Pa.
9/4/59

"On Thursday evening, [] the []
Committee met at the residence of []
[] Pa.

"Present for this meeting were []
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"AGENDA

"Report on Work around the Steel Strike

[] reported the [] He stated that at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 9/12/59, the Section named will mobilize for distribution the District and National CP leaflets concerning the steel strike. He added that as a long-range plan, the Section intends to collect food and set up a committee to visit the Steel Union local at Fairless Hills and obtain credentials which would authorize the Section members to collect food on behalf of the Union members. This visit will be made over the coming weekend.

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[] of the [] reported that a leaflet put out by his club, calling for the support of the striking steel workers, was distributed by the Youth Club members along with members of the Socialist Youth Union on the previous Saturday in the lower end of the - 32nd Ward area of Philadelphia. He said that this leaflet distribution was very successful. The leaflets were put out under the auspices of 'The Youth for the Support of the Striking Steelworkers.' [] advised that the leaflet distribution had been made in the morning, and that in the evening, the Youth membership went back into the same area and solicited food for the striking steelworkers and collected over 200 cans. This food was taken up and given to the Union officials.

"In explaining the food collection, [] stated that prior to last Saturday 'we' went to the Union local

"and asked for approval to collect food for the strikers. This was approved by the Union officials, who had no idea that they were dealing with representatives of the CP. [] stated that the [] intends to make the same distribution in another area 'pretty soon.'"

[] head of CP [] complimented the Youth on their success and remarked that the Youth will follow through with their contact at the Steelworkers Union. He said that the Youth had been invited to a meeting this weekend at the Union headquarters, where they will relate some of their experiences in collecting food for the steelworkers. He added that the Youth will ask that children of the striking steelworkers participate in the next collection of that type.

[] stated that the [] had passed a resolution that all Section members who are members of unions go to their respective union meetings and try to get resolutions passed pledging financial and other support to the striking steelworkers.

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"Before the meeting, [] privately advised that the CP has no inside connections at U. S. Steel or the Union. He stated that the [] had merely gone to the Union headquarters and asked for credentials on the basis that they wanted to help collect food and even funds for the steelworkers.

[] had on hand 500 to 600 copies of the District leaflet around the steel strike, which he passed out to representatives of the other areas, which apparently have done nothing around the steel strike. He requested that these leaflets be distributed in their respective areas.

"40th Anniversary Celebration - October 9, 1959

"On October 9, 1959, the District CP will hold an affair to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the CPUSA. Arrangements are under way to obtain a ballroom in the Adelphia Hotel. [] said that he will try to get BEN DAVIS to come down from New York and be the featured speaker. This affair will be around the Peace Question and will be held around the time President EISENHOWER will be going to Russia. He feels this affair will draw

"a broader crowd of progressives than heretofore, because of the importance of the Peace Question. [redacted] said that he had met with [redacted] to work out the cultural aspects of the [redacted] meeting, but final plans are not completed.

"40th CPUSA Anniversary Celebration, 9/25-27/59, NYC

[redacted] wants as many comrades as possible from the District to attend the 40th CPUSA anniversary celebration being held in New York City 9/25-27/59. He stated that the first day will be in the nature of a celebration, and the final two days will be in the form of a conference. The first day of the conference portion will be devoted to discussions on organization and ideological questions. The second day will be devoted to a discussion of the Press.

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[redacted] said that the [redacted] will send delegates to the three-day affair.

[redacted] stated that the [redacted] will send delegates.

[redacted] said that it is doubtful if the 4th and 6th CD Sections will send anyone to the affair.

[redacted] stated that due to the small membership in his area, it is doubtful if his area will be represented.

[redacted] stated that the [redacted] will send in at least three members, not including [redacted]

"District Preparations around National and District CP Conventions

"A discussion was held around the mimeographed letter addressed to all clubs, dated 8/7/59, from PHIL BART, National Organizational Secretary, taking a referendum of Article 5, Section 5, of the CPUSA Constitution, dealing with the election of National Committee members. The National Committee desires that Article 5, Section 5, be deleted from the Constitution. The purpose of deleting this portion of the Constitution is to eliminate

"the election of National Committee for the forthcoming year by the various Districts prior to the CPUSA National Convention. In this way, the National CP leadership hopes to be able to elect District representatives to the next National Committee who are in sympathy with the programs and ideology of the National leadership.

"Those present are generally in agreement with this change. All clubs must vote on this referendum, and the tabulated District results must be in the National Office by 10/15/59.

[redacted] then passed out a 4-1/2-page mimeographed report entitled 'Administrative Committee Draft on Convention Preparations,' which actually was prepared by him at the request of the District Administrative Committee, and has not as yet been discussed by the District Administrative Committee. This draft sets out facts concerning the CPUSA National Convention scheduled for 12/10-13/59. It then proceeds to discuss the District Convention and makes numerous proposals concerning convention preparations, submission of club draft resolutions, and sets forth proposals concerning changes in the organizational structure of the District. One of the most important proposals which has been discussed previously is the abolishment of the Section Committees and the establishment of a City Committee composed of club organizers, and Executive Committee of seven or eight people to replace the present District Organizational and District Administrative Committees.

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[redacted] discussed at length the desirability of electing a broad working-class type leadership. There must no longer be a situation where one or two people do all the work; all comrades who are asked must accept the responsibility of leadership when asked to do so.

"This report of [redacted] will be discussed in greater detail at the next District Committee meeting.

[redacted] is to come into the next District Committee meeting with resolutions elaborating on the role of the Party around the Negro question. Her resolutions will be based on the National Draft Resolutions appearing in the September issue of 'Political Affairs.'

[redacted] is to come in with resolutions and proposals on [redacted] which will be based on the National Draft Resolutions on that topic appearing in the September 'Political Affairs' issue.

[redacted] four-page mimeographed outline he had prepared entitled, 'Proposed List of Questions We Need to Answer in Order to Have a Sound Program and Outlook.' These questions, which are to be discussed at the pre-Convention discussions, were not commented on, but will be taken up at the next District Committee meeting."

Pertinent portions of the above information were furnished to the Bureau by CINAL dated 9/10/59.

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On 9/8/59, [redacted] furnished copies of the following documents mentioned above:

- a. CPUSA, National Committee Referendum-dated 8/7/59 (made an exhibit in 100-30295-1B),
- b. "Administrative Committee Draft on Convention Preparations,"
- c. "Proposed List of Questions We Need to Answer in Order to Have a Sound Program and Outlook."

One photostat copy each of Items b and c have been made exhibits in 100-31723-1B (CPUSA-ORGANIZATION) and 65-4641-1B [redacted] The original copies were returned to the informant.

SAC (65-4641)

9/30/59

SA FORREST F. BURGESS

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"Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
September 14, 1959

[redacted] was overheard to say that while he and [redacted] were in New York on [redacted] making plans and arrangements for a mass meeting which was scheduled to be held in Philadelphia on [redacted] PHIL BART inquired of [redacted] how he would like to be in charge of the [redacted] had given an affirmative response, there were no further comments made by BART on this matter."

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1 - 65-4641
1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART)
1 - 65-1686 [redacted]
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)
FROM : SAC NEWARK (100-4284E)
SUBJECT: CP, USA
New Jersey District
Newark Division
Organization
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DATE: 9/30/59

On 9/16/59, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following to SAs JOHN A. HAAG and VINCENT E. MURPHY: b7D

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS CAREFULLY AND PROPERLY PARAPHRASED.

3 - Bureau (RM)
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4 - New York (RM)
(1 - 100- [redacted] (PHIL BART)
(1 - 100- [redacted] (ARNOLD JOHNSON)
(1 - 100- [redacted] (JAMES JACKSON)
(1 - [redacted])

134 - Newark
(1 - 100-16195) (WALTER BARRY)
(1 - 100-38042) (JOSEPH BRANDT)
(1 - 100-3291) (MANNY CANTOR)
(1 - 100-33773) [redacted]
(1 - 100-30885) (AL GOLDBERG)
(1 - 100-35106) (LOTTIE GORDON)
(1 - 100-33259) [redacted]
(1 - 65-770) (JOHN NORMAN)
(1 - 100-19491) (PATRICK TOOHEY)
(1 - 100-23214) (FRANK WITKUS)
(1 - 100-32233) (LEW MOROZE)
(1 - 100-4284U) (CP, FACTIONALISM)
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A State Board meeting of the [redacted] of the CP, USA was held on [redacted] at the residence of [redacted] N. J. This meeting was to be held at the residence of [redacted] however, at the last minute the meeting place was changed. The reason for this was because [redacted] there were FBI cars around his residence the entire afternoon and evening.

Present at this affair were [redacted]

[redacted] Also present at this affair from the National Office of the CP, USA were PHIL BART [redacted]

[redacted] the meeting and asked what the procedure would be for that meeting in view of the unexpected visitors from the National Office.

[redacted] appeared to be the spokesman for the [redacted] He recommended the Board put aside its normal business and take up the question of the problems affecting the leadership in New Jersey. He proposed that [redacted] introduce the question by presenting the problems of the leadership and the question surrounding his recent [redacted] He stated the National Executive Committee had sent them as a delegation to sit with this body and see if they could make a constructive contribution to working the matter out.

[redacted] gave a review on the leadership's problems in New Jersey and then read a letter setting forth his [redacted] of the CP, USA, which he stated he had sent to [redacted] and to the National Office last week. He said that [redacted] had returned this letter to him, stating that it was not in his official capacity to act upon it. He further stated that he discussed this matter with the National Office and now placed this matter on the agenda for the meeting that evening.

In reading and discussing [redacted]

[redacted] indicated that from the time he was elected

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as [] to the present time, there had been a deliberate and definite non-cooperation policy on the part of a segment of the leadership who, for a year and a half, have refused to lift a finger for work or activity. These individuals waged constant opposition to all Party work and activity which verged on factional lines. He stated he personally was unable to enlist their support and cooperation for Party building and that now it appeared their activities were developing into organized oppositional forms which had the appearance of a buildup for the State Convention and could only result in great damage. While he doubted he was the cause of their non-cooperation, he was willing to step aside to remove this as a cause of issue and create for such elements all possibilities of being active and working. This would be the best move to prevent any buildup of a negative disruptive fashion for the approaching convention. He stated that actually the real problems were not individuals but were reflective of the weaknesses of the Party, its isolation and the coming to the front of moods of frustration and defeatism which found convenient outlet in anti-leadership forms. To clear the entire matter, one should really start by attempting to solve the many unsolved problems faced by the Party as a whole. However, if they think he is the impediment and that he holds the key but refuses to turn it, it might be best for him to step aside and remove, however false, the issue so that it would not discolor the convention or the Party work from here on out.

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[] went on to give a [] on the party of Party comrades to which he was referring. For example, he discussed [] and described their general attitude in many cases to basic policy differences with the line of the CP and basic disagreement with the National and State leaders and refusal to accept it or to work with it. He assumed the attack against him was really because of his defense of the national leadership and the national policy.

He stated that in addition to this, [] and thus, in addition to the [] is also to be filled. He stated that [] leaving the

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state would be very hurtful and will leave a considerable gap. He stated there was a need for strengthening the board and getting the State Committee to function, which has been difficult up to now because of non-attendance and the large amount of non-participation leaving the bulk of the work to just a handful of people.

[] talk was followed by a series of discussions by all board members present. All spoke and very strenuously objected to the idea that [] resignation was the way to do it. They all recognized the difficulties and harrassment encountered by the State Chairmanship. All board members present appeared to give strong and sincere testimonial to the job done by [] which they claimed could not have been done by anyone else.

[] were especially aggressive in their support of the [] and criticized all those who did not contribute work or help.

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[] fairly strongly and argued that the multiplicity and difficulties were not of his making but were such that all members of the board should help to solve; however, only a few have tried to do so.

[] while [] on a difficult job well done and for his work as [] which he termed magnificent, took occasion to take an air of detachment and stated he felt there were too many personality problems in the situation and he could not agree that the non-cooperativeness and disruptive attitudes of [] were hurtful to the Party. He gave them a certain testimonial and stated he felt a better attitude all around would bring these comrades into full activity.

In general, all of the board members present requested []

[] was the problem of all of them and they would strive to help attain it.

[] spoke at length.

[] made several brief comments.

BART did not speak at all stating the hour was too late.

[redacted] on the residue of problems left by the recent uproar in the Party, on the slow but definite improvement of a unified Party line and policy, on the defeat of the theories of the right wing and the ultra-left and stated the Party today and those in it are those who accept and agree with the line and policy which has come about. This provides the basis for people thinking and acting in common. This provides the basis for a full collective leadership if the members can rise above "small thinking" and develop a collective leadership with the Party line as their guide. He deplored the intrusion of name calling, sharp and unfriendly language and relations between comrades and pointed out that whoever engages in such practices has much to learn and that it is the job of all the comrades to help correct such practices and not leave it to just one but to "share the misery" in dealing with a [redacted] and the bluster of outbreaks by someone like [redacted] and others. He stated the National Office is convinced that [redacted] has made a contribution in New Jersey which was not possible for any other comrade to make. [redacted] stepped forward at a period of desertion, has aggressively fought for the Party and its leadership and despite personal failings which all people have, held the Party together and kept it going. [redacted] stated the National Office is convinced that the line followed by [redacted] was politically sound and did not vary from the line of the national Party and therefore should be supported. [redacted] argued against people who are inactive, who refuse to work on false alibis of illness or any other reason and thought that if the members at that meeting would resolve to do so, they could work together on a united pro-Party basis. [redacted] stated the speeches made by all members present showed a high degree of affirmation, respect and support for the work of the State Chairman and that the Chairman should take into account these remarks and withdraw his resignation. He stated the National Committee is also guilty for many of the problems arising in New Jersey because although New Jersey is close and it reflects all of the problems of the Party everywhere, the National Office has rendered little or no support or attention or help to the comrades in New Jersey.

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Hence, they wish to be self-critical and say they will amend their ways.

[] brief talk was along the same line. He went into a little more detail on the point that [] was not the impediment or cause of the problems. He stated that on the contrary, []

[] made a very brief closing talk. In general he stated he was appreciative of the pledges of support and cooperation by those present and withdrew his resignation. b7D

(It appeared that the committee from the National Office wished to give an announced and public support to [] CP but to restrain that support sufficiently so as not to unduly antagonize the disruptive elements. From this, it can only be concluded that they feel obliged to support [] or receive in [] which they cannot count upon and which will create for them more serious problems in the future. Their support of [] however, was obviously restrained.)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-6622)

9/30/59

SA HAROLD P. QUINN

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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and
paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable
information in the past

NY 1749-S* advised that on 9/19/59, CONNIE (BART) contacted "ABE" at "ONDA residence", telling him that PHIL (BART) just got in and is working on "it". ABE asked if she took up financial problem, mentioning that cost will be about \$600. CONNIE said she will talk to PHIL about it. CONNIE then talked to ABE about "TERESA" (ONDA) and the family. ABE indicated he is handling arrangements for TERESA.

- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-12959) (CONNIE BART)
- 1- New York (100-114143) (TERESA ONDA) (422)
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A State Board meeting of the New Jersey CP was held on 9/15/59 at the residence of LOTTIE GORDON in Newark, New Jersey, to discuss and plan for the coming State Committee meeting scheduled for 9/20/59.

ERNEST THOMPSON and [redacted] were supposed to have been invited to the meeting to discuss the political question. JOE BRANDT, LOTTIE GORDON and PAT TOOHEY were the only Board members present at the outset of this meeting. [redacted] who had been invited, was also present. Later in the evening [redacted] arrived. However, [redacted] had been sent home prior to their arrival because of the lack of attendance to discuss the political question. Hence, the meeting did not get into a discussion on this subject. This pertained to the elections in New Jersey and the coming presidential election in 1960. This body discussed only the State Committee meeting scheduled for 9/20/59.

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GORDON stated she had obtained a hall but did not know who was going to attend or whether any notice had been sent out to the comrades to be invited to this affair. She stated she obtained the Russian Hall at 277 - 17th Avenue in Newark, N. J.

A discussion arose on whether people were coming from various sections throughout the state. TOOHEY stated they should resist any discussion to call off the meeting and to put up a fight to hold it as scheduled. BRANDT stated this meant nothing. They state on Tuesday they must put up a fight to hold the meeting, and it is scheduled to be held the following Sunday. The matter was arranged improperly from the outset. They are going to have a poor meeting because they started off to have a poor meeting.

BRANDT had previously indicated he wished to have a large meeting rather than that of State Committee members with a few outside comrades invited. A large meeting was decided against mainly for security reasons. BRANDT stated it is "bunk" about security and statements to the effect

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the FBI is on every corner. This is just an evasion and brought up just to scare people out of doing anything. They must mobilize the Party and tell the people about it and not pursue a bureaucratic method of small meetings and the like. BRANDT proposed they try to organize a large meeting even of people who have left the Party and put the discussion of pre-convention problems on as big a basis as possible.

[] stated he did not feel it was a problem that the comrades have not done anything or committed themselves not to do anything. As far as he sees the situation there are sincere efforts to handle the problems. It is their job to work together to try to solve these problems. [] continued and spoke along this line.

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GORDON stated there is no point blasting people for being bureaucratic and bringing the Party into bankruptcy, etc.

BRANDT stated he did not say "bankrupt", he said "serious" and he did not want GORDON to misquote him and informed her not to talk to him like a commissar. A brief exchange of sharp words took place between BRANDT and GORDON at this point.

GORDON, in her general talk, stated they must organize the meeting, they must share the work and not let it in the hands of a few people. They could have a good meeting if they are of a mind to.

BRANDT disagreed.

Another sharp exchange of words took place between BRANDT and GORDON at which time TOOHEY stated there was no point in getting stirred up about this matter. If they have a serious problem they can solve it like friends if they wish to. It is not a question that they can have a large meeting but do not want to but they have difficulties which prevent them from doing so. For example, he stated he had spoken with comrades in the Trenton, N. J. area that very week and they are afraid to come to such an affair. Furthermore, they do not want any outsiders to come into their section. The Plainfield Club is of the same attitude. They will not come to a large meeting.

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They are afraid and are thinking of their jobs and it is hard to get them to agree to come to any kind of a meeting. TOOHEY stated he would be happy if they could get as many as 20-25 people to come to the State Committee meeting.

After further discussion on this matter, there was an indication that very few invitations had been sent out concerning the 9/20/59 meeting. SOPHIE FITZGERALD was to attend from the Paterson area; however, there was some question as to whether she had been notified. It was announced that DAN FITZGERALD could not come because someone must remain home with the children. [] seems to have drifted away and they cannot expect him to attend. It was announced that ALEX MILLER may attend from the Paterson area.

[] stated that he will be the only person present from the [] section. He stated the comrades in that area are scared and reluctant to attend such a meeting.

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[] stated that he and two other comrades from [] would try to be present.

It was decided that TOOHEY would contact the Plainfield Group and recontact the Mercer County Group to inform them of the meeting and to try to get someone from these areas to attend.

GORDON will get in touch with [] to see whether she would attend and to see whether [] can get in touch with [] to see whether he will attend. GORDON will also get in touch with WALTER BARRY and attempt to determine from him whether he notified Camden and the farm area as he had been previously assigned to do.

MOROZE will get in touch with the Essex County Group. This section is to send several comrades. GORDON will check with MOROZE about Essex County.

At this point, BRANDT stated they must invite additional people; for example, what about MANNY CANTOR and JOHN NORMAN. GORDON stated that if BRANDT wanted to do

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the inviting he could do so. BRANDT stated he would invite these comrades.

During the meeting, GORDON attempted to get a committee from New Jersey to attend an Eastern Seaboard Organizational Conference which is to take place on 9/26-27/59 at 74 Fifth Avenue, New York City. She stated she had a talk with PHIL BART of the National Office, and he is organizing this conference on organizational problems in the Party.

With reference to the above, [redacted] and GORDON offered to attend on 9/26/59. [redacted] stated he would attend on 9/27/59. BRANDT stated he would attend the 9/27/59 session, and if he was not working he would also attend the 9/26/59 session. TOOHEY stated he will try to attend both sessions. b6 b7C

The next State Board meeting was scheduled for 9/30/59 to take up the question of electoral and political policy.

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HARRIS commented that, when he was last in Mexico City, he was told by ALBERT MALTZ that money for the CP was raised among the American CP members in Mexico City, and that this money was sent to the Southern California CP district. HARRIS said he assumed that this practice continued.

The Wall Street Group

According to LEM HARRIS, HERMAN WALLACH, BARNETT SHEPARD, and SCHROEDER BOULTON, members of the so-called "Wall Street" group of donors, are being re-activated as donors under the direction of VICTOR PERLO. PERLO collects money from this group, and gives it to "The Worker" instead of to the CP Finance Committee. Although not a donor of this group, ROBERT DUNN, head of "Labor Research", meets regularly with this group to discuss current economic problems.

In discussing the "Wall Street" group, the Finance Committee decided that it should make an effort to secure the donations of the aforesaid group for the CP Reserve Fund.

The meeting was adjourned, no arrangements being made for a subsequent meeting.

Extreme caution should be exercised with respect to dissemination of information herein inasmuch as, by its nature, said information tends to identify NY 694-S, a valuable informant, as the source thereof.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-31723)

FROM : SA WILLIAM E. HUGHES

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 10/1/59

On 9/14/59, PH-547-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SE [REDACTED] that PHIL BART made an appointment to meet with THOMAS NABRIED at the NABRIED residence about 10:00 a.m., 9/14/59. The informant learned that BART left his baggage at the bus station before coming to the NABRIED residence. Informant also learned that FRANCES GABOW telephoned THOMAS NABRIED on the morning of

- 1 - Baltimore [REDACTED] (RM)
- ① - New York (100-56579) (PHILIP BART) (RM)
- 19 - Philadelphia
 - 1 - 100-31723 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-44212 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-22157 (PHILIP BART)
 - 1 - 100-30314 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-33085 (VICTOR BERESIN)
 - 1 - 100-35966 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-38755 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-18793 (DR. DAVID COHEN)
 - 1 - 100-34061 (WILLIAM CRAWFORD)
 - 1 - 100-36521 (REBECCA DAVIS)
 - 1 - 100-28841 (FRANCES GABOW)
 - 1 - 100-43811 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)
 - 1 - 100-38020 (JOSEPH ROBERTS)
 - 1 - 65-4641 (MORTIMER DANIEL RUBIN)
 - 1 - 100-34587 (FRANCES SHUPACK)
 - 1 - 100-24733 [REDACTED]
 - 1 - 100-3581 (ABE SOKOLOV)
 - 1 - 100-20310 (JACK ZUCKER)

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9/14/59, to inquire whether he was planning to go to the CP office on that day. NABRIED said he had certain material that he was working on and was staying at his residence while doing this work, adding that PHIL (BART) was going to come to his residence for a discussion. GABOW inquired whether NABRIED had the original draft of the resolution (a resolution prepared by NABRIED on CP work) adding that she wanted to see a copy of this resolution. NABRIED said he thought he had a copy for GABOW.

On 9/14/59, PH-548-S*, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SES [redacted] and RAYMOND J. BOTT that PHIL BART visited the residence of THOMAS NABRIED, 1345 West Susquehanna Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., about 9:40 a.m., 9/14/59. BART told NABRIED he had arrived about noon, 9/13/59, and had called NABRIED's home several times but received no answer. NABRIED said he had been involved in a youth conference all day 9/13/59. NABRIED inquired about the plans BART had made for the day on 9/14/59. BART said there were a number of things he wished to discuss with NABRIED and thought perhaps he could also see ABE (SOKOLOV). NABRIED said ABE usually reached his office about 10:00 a.m. He said he particularly wanted to go over with TOM some item regarding the pre-Convention discussion. At this point, FRANCES GABOW visited the NABRIED apartment and began doing some typing while NABRIED and BART held a discussion in another room. The discussion was not within hearing of the informant. Some what later, NABRIED inquired whether BART had been successful in seeing anyone on 9/13/59. BART said he had seen JOE (probably ROBERTS). NABRIED replied that JOE had not paid any dues for nine months. GABOW commented that JOE felt there was an organizational maneuver to push him out (of the CP). (This probably refers to a demand by the CP club of which JOE ROBERTS is a member that ROBERTS bring his dues up to date or else he would not be allowed to attend any future club meeting).

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The talk then turned to generalities and became rather lengthy on the subject of our educational system and the unfairness of a situation where people cannot afford to

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send their children to college. GABOW said she knew of a girl who turned down a four year scholarship to go to work in a shop because she could not afford to go to college even with the aid of a scholarship. FRANCES said she knew of another woman who also raised the same question regarding her children. GABOW said he had no answer to these problems and felt that the problem was one of the major American struggles today. NABRIED said this was not just an American struggle, but a world question.

NABRIED said that DANNY (RUBIN) had passed his bar examination and had a job, but was laid off and was unable to get a job at the present time. BART remarked that his college education, which had never been completed, proved to be a hindrance rather than a help to him.

The group then discussed the problems of [redacted]
[redacted] GABOW said she did not think that [redacted]
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going [redacted] should understand fully the problems
involved. FRANCES remarked that [redacted] is new and he just
came around." (Referring to the length of time in the Party
of [redacted] NABRIED remarked that the girl's
mother and father had talked to him, but he did not know what
he could do about the situation. BART had no constructive ideas
either.

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GABOW mentioned that she had to go to the residence of WILLIAM CRAWFORD at 7:30 p.m., on the evening of 9/14/59, and would probably stop at the NABRIED residence while on her way. (District Committee meeting scheduled to be held at the CRAWFORD residence on evening of 9/14/59).

PHIL BART mentioned getting a cab to go to a funeral parlor, unnamed, to view the remains of a man who was only 43 years old. From remarks passed, this individual is believed to have died of cancer. (Examination of the obituary column of the newspapers failed to identify the individual to whom BART referred and it may have been a personal friend not connected with the CP). NABRIED then told BART that Dr. DAVID COHEN had given up all of his records to [redacted]
[redacted] and that NABRIED had not seen DAVID COHEN in quite some

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time. BART inquired how VIC [] were getting along and was told that they were living in a beautiful single ranch home which NABRIED and GABOW described as fabulous, but had not done anything in the CP for a considerable period. BART commented that [] was "through" when they were married.

NABRIED said he was going to try to get in touch with the [] and also with the []. FRANCES GABOW commented the last time she had seen the [] they were involved in quite a large interracial group, which was involved also with out of town areas.

A discussion of meetings to be held was initiated and there was indication that GABOW keeps a book recording a large number of meetings. She informed NABRIED and BART of the following meetings:

9/14/59 - a meeting at BILL's (CRAWFORD) 7:30 p.m. (District Committee).

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Meeting 9/14/59, 8:00 p.m. at the residence of BECKY (DAVIS).
(Club meeting - 4th CD Section).

Meeting 9/14/59, 8:00 p.m. at the residence of ABE (SOKOLOV).
(Probably Club meeting - 6th CD Section).

Meeting 9/16/59, at the residence of JACK (ZUCKER). (6th CD club on Section meeting).

NABRIED commented he had instructed (DANNY (RUBIN) to keep himself available for this meeting at JACK's house.

GABOW inquired of NABRIED whether he had the address of "JIM from Wilmington" handy. Apparently NABRIED did not have the address handy because GABOW remarked she had written down this address, but could not find it at that time. She said she wanted to visit him and get that money from him []. [] She remarked she would find the address and drop him a line to let him know when she could visit him.

Before leaving the NABRIED residence, GABOW said she would see both NABRIED and BART on the evening of 9/14/59.

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BART told NABRIED he thought it might be worthwhile for them to go to the ROBERTS' residence and visit with JOE for the sake of old times. NABRIED said that would depend on when they could find JOE at home. BART commented he would like to catch an early train or bus to New York (probably 9/15/59). NABRIED and BART left the NABRIED residence shortly after 3:00 p.m., and returned about 5:30 p.m., at which time NABRIED was told by [redacted] that JAMES DOLSEN wanted him to call. While NABRIED was making a telephone call he asked BART for the address of the CP office in Chicago, and was told this address was 36 West Randolph Street.

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PH-547-S* advised SE [redacted] 9/14/59, that before leaving the NABRIED residence PHIL BART called JACK ZUCKER on the telephone to tell ZUCKER that he was sorry he would not be able to see ZUCKER on this trip. ZUCKER inquired whether BART was leaving on the evening of 9/14/59, and learned he was leaving early the following morning. BART said he would like to get together with JACK for the sake of old times. ZUCKER politely inquired about BART's wife and was informed that she was well. BART said he would return to Philadelphia about the end of the month and would visit ZUCKER at that time. ZUCKER replied BART was always welcome. (The informant reported that ZUCKER was very indifferent to BART throughout this Convention and appeared anxious to have the call terminated).

For the information of New York and Baltimore, THOMAS NABRIED is District Chairman, CPEPD, and FRANCES GABOW is temporary District Dues Secretary, CPEPD.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-421)

DATE: 10/1/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-128819)

SUBJECT: CP, USA
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NY 2353-S* on 9/17/59, reported that on that date a telegram was sent to the Hon. MANUEL AGUILAR, Consul General, Mexican Consulate, 8 E. 41st St., NYC, signed by BENJAMIN J. DAVIS, Chairman of the CP of NY.

The telegram stated: "We protest most vigorously against recent arrest and imprisonment of DIONISO ENCINA

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1 - New York (100-93665) (MIMI FRIEDLANDER) (42)
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1 - New York (100-26018) (LOUIS WEINSTOCK) (415)
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1 - New York (100-111666) (JACK SHULMAN) (415)
1 - New York (100-129822) [REDACTED]
1 - New York (100-64187) [REDACTED] (425)
1 - New York (100-5700) (ART SHIELDS) (425)
1 - New York (100-94821) (BERTHA STACHEL) (425)
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RODRIGUEZ, Secretary General of the CP of Mexico, and other labor leaders by your Government. I, together with a small delegation of prominent American citizens will come to see you at your office on Monday, 9/21/59, at 12:30 p.m., for the purpose of lodging our protest and discussing the release of these political prisoners with you."

On 9/18/59, NY 2353-S* reported that WILLIAM ALBERTSON, CP, USA, NY District Executive Secretary, advised the NYCPD, on that date that the CP would picket the Mexican Consulate, 8 E. 41st St., NYC, on Monday, 9/21/59, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. The purpose of the picketing was to protest the arrest of trade union and CP leaders in Mexico. ✓

On 9/21/59, SAS JOHN F. LANGTRY and ROBERT S. MUGAVIN conducted a physical surveillance in the vicinity of 8 E. 41st St., NYC. The following individuals were observed marching in a picket line before 8 E. 41st St., NYC, during the period from 12:05 p.m. to 12:42 p.m.

BEN DAVIS
EUGENE DENNIS
MIMI FRIEDLANDER
MILTON ROSEN
LOUIS WEINSTOCK
JIM JACKSON
JACK STACHEL
PHIL BART
✓ BETTY GANNETT
JESUS COLON
WILLIAM PATTERSON
GUS HALL
JACK SHULMAN

ART SHIELDS (*)
BERTHA STACHEL (*)
RUTH ROBERTS
SAUL GROSS (*)
STANLEY GOODMAN

(*) Identified by SA MUGAVIN only.

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The following individuals were observed in the vicinity of 8 E. 41st St., NYC, during the period from 12:05 p.m. to 12:42 p.m. but did not participate in the picket line:

WILLIAM ALBERTSON
HAROLD COLLINS
IRVING POTASH
VIRGINIA GARDNER
EVELYN WIENER
SOPHIE NASCIMENTO

At 12:27 p.m., GUS HALL, BEN DAVIS, EUGENE DENNIS, BETTY GANNETT, JESUS COLON, and VIRGINIA GARDNER, were observed entering 8 E. 41st St., NYC. All were observed leaving 8 E. 41st St., NYC, at 12:31 p.m.

A copy of a throwaway entitled "Why We Picket The Mexican Consulate" handed to SA LANGTRY on this occasion is being attached to the copy of this letter designated for NY 100-128819.

NEW YORK (100-15915)

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JOHN HAROLD P. GUINN

JULY 1949
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ILLEGIBLE TEXT

Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Confidential and
Exempt)

Reliability: One has furnished reliable
information in the past

On 1/1/50 - * was recorded that on 9/10/49, JIL (20112) contacted CORNELL and PAUL (1111) and said he just came from
INDIANAPOLIS (1111). He said he had been out to the H.B. MORRIS (20).
CORNELL said he and PAUL were there for several years. PAUL
said the two had been taken care of and in 1949 they were
sent to the States. He said JIL CORNELL is handling it. He
also said the question of money will be discussed with JIL
DAVID MORRIS and that the company has been out from Jersey
to Kansas (20) in Westchester. PAUL said he would be in the
parlor one night and JIL, agreed to be there tomorrow. PAUL
said someone they would discuss the national thing involved in
the company.

1- New York (100-15915) (CORNELL 1111) (415)
1- New York (100-55579) (PAUL 1111) (415)
1- New York (100-79182) (JIL CORNELL) (422)
1- New York (100-23315) (JIL MORRIS) (410)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: Director, FBI (100-3-69)

Date: 10/1/59

From: SAC, Newark (100-4284E)

Subject: CP, USA
New Jersey District
Newark Division
Organization
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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE DISSEMINATED
OUTSIDE THE BUREAU UNLESS CAREFULLY AND PROPERLY PARAPHRASED.

[redacted] furnished the following information to
SAs JOHN A. HAAG and VINCENT E. MURPHY on 9/16/59:

3 - Bureau (RM)

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3 - New York (RM)

(1 - 100-56579) (PHIL BART)

(1 - 100-80641) (CP Organization)

(1 - [redacted])

24- Newark

(1 - 100-16195) (WALTER BARRY)

(1 - 100-38042) (JOSEPH BRANDT)

(1 - 100-3291) (MANNY CANTOR)

(1 - 100-33733) [redacted]

(1 - 100-25222) (DAN FITZGERALD)

(1 - 100-14116) (SOPHIE FITZGERALD)

(1 - 100-35106) (LOTTIE GORDON)

(1 - 100-34927) [redacted]

(1 - 100-33259) [redacted]

(1 - 100-17002) (ALEX MILLER)

(1 - 100-32233) (LEW MOROZE)

(1 - 65-770) (JOHN NORMAN)

(1 - 100- [redacted])

(1 - 100-35100) [redacted]

(1 - 100-18208) (ERNEST THOMPSON)

(1 - 100-19491) (PAT TOOHEY)

(1 - 100- [redacted])

(1 - 100-4284U) (CP Factionalism)

(1 - 100-4284AA) (CP Meeting Places)

(1 - 100-4284-4K-1) (Bergen County)

(1 - 100-4284-4M-1) (Mercer County)

(1 - 100-4284-4R-1) (Union County)

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TO :
FROM :
SUBJECT:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-56579)
SAC, NEWARK (100-31376)
PHIL BART
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DATE: 10/2/59

Date received

9/2/59

Received from (name or symbol number)

[redacted] who has furnished
reliable info in the past

Received by

SAs JOHN A. HAAG and
VINCENT E. MURPHY

Method of delivery (check appropriate blocks)

☒ in person ☐ by telephone ☐ by mail ☒ orally ☐ recording device ☐ written by Informant

If orally furnished and reduced to writing by Agent:

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by Informant _____

Date of Report

9/2/59

Date(s) of activity

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Brief description of activity or material

Private conversation with PHIL BART

concerning a meeting in Levittown, Pa.

File where original is located if not attached

Remarks:

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September 2, 1959

PHIL BART, of the National Office of the CP, USA, privately advised in August, 1959 (August 31, 1959) that he had attended a CP meeting in the Levittown, Pennsylvania, area approximately two to three weeks ago. He stated [redacted] of this meeting and that [redacted] were in attendance. BART did not relate the names of any other individuals present at this affair. He did state there were about 7 individuals present. He stated that all individuals present were technically out of the Party. The theme of the meeting was "Do we need the Party?".

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BART stated the meeting started rather late and lasted past midnight. At the conclusion they decided to attempt to arrange another meeting in the near future. During the meeting on that date, all the usual questions were raised as to why comrades have left the Party. BART stated the question in his mind was who could be brought back to the Party. Two individuals present indicated they did not think they would come back; however, these two individuals did not actually resign at that meeting itself. At the conclusion of the meeting, they decided to arrange another meeting in the near future where they will discuss whether they want to come back in the Party or not.

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AIR MAIL

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-27359)

ILLEGIBLE TEXT

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (100-12420)

CARL WINSTON, Jr.

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DE 723-S, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on 9/30/59, that he had learned that CARL WINSTON had been contacted by PAUL BART the previous night and that he had indicated WINSTON to be in New York for a special meeting on Tuesday. The meeting affects WINSTON in some way. WINSTON informed BART that he would have to be back in Detroit Wednesday and BART indicated that WINSTON should come in anyway and could leave Tuesday night.

New York is requested to cover WINSTON's activities through established sources.

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-1696)

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SA AROLD P. QUINN

ELIZABETH GURLEY ELLER
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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Collect and paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/20/59 ELIZABETH (GURLEY ELLER) contacted PHIL (BART) and said she just got word from SADIE AMER, who lives next door to her, about ONDA's death; she said ALICE JEROME told SADIE. PHIL said the funeral would be on Tuesday at 9:30 A.M. and the burial would be in the same place where CACCIORE and MARLEIN (S*) are.

PHIL indicated this was interrupted his preparation of a report for next week. He said he did not know whether there would be a meeting on Tuesday.

ELIZABETH said she would be at the office tomorrow. PHIL said he did not hear about the death until he left the room at the hotel yesterday. ELIZABETH said it is important that the Party get in on this because there've been certain differences and certain bad feelings. PHIL said some people have been thinking about it and he told them that a guy who is going to try to use it for factional reasons, it isn't human and they would certainly take care of it. ELIZABETH said you never can tell about some of these extreme Leftists.

- 1- New York: (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York: (100-) (SADIE AMER) (422)
- 1- New York: (100-43414) (ALICE JEROME) (424)
- 1- New York: (100-1696) (415)

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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-69)

FROM : SAC, NY (100-80641)

SUBJECT: CPUSA-ORGANIZATION
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CARE MUST BE UTILIZED IN HANDLING AND REPORTING
THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SINCE ITS VERY NATURE TENDS TO
IDENTIFY A SENSITIVE AND HIGHLY PLACED INFORMANT.

4 - Bureau (100-3-69)(RM)
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1 - NY (100-86624)(CPUSA-INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS)(415)
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1 - NY (100-8057)(EUGENE DENNIS)(415)
1 - NY (100-56579)(PHIL BART)(415)
1 - NY (100-13444)(JOE NORTH)(415)
1 - NY (100-1696)(ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN)(415)
1 - NY (100-23825)(BEN DAVIS)(416)
1 - NY (100-16021)ARNOLD JOHNSON(415)
1 - NY (100-48033)(IRVING POTASH)(415)
1 - NY (100-16785)(JIM JACKSON)(415)
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On 10/1/59, NY 2359-S* advised that on that date a meeting of CP functionaries took place in the third floor board room, CP Headquarters, NYC. EUGENE DENNIS was chairman.

Among those in attendance were the following:

JACK STACHEL
PHIL BART
JOE NORTH
ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
BEN DAVIS
ARNOLD JOHNSON
IRVING POTASH
JIM JACKSON
ERIC BERT
and an unmale believed to be TED BASSETT

The first speaker was JOE NORTH who gave a report regarding KHRUSHCHEV'S visit to the US, in which he detailed the itinerary followed by KHRUSHCHEV during his trip around this country. NORTH referred to the night at the hotel when (WALTER) REUTHER was critical of KHRUSHCHEV and described REUTHER'S statements as a "low point." NORTH pointed out the need for further discussion (on the matter of KHRUSHCHEV'S visit) and said that a whole series of things have to be analyzed and studied.

JACK STACHEL stated that he and EUGENE DENNIS agreed prior to the meeting that, following JOE NORTH'S report, some proposals should be made. He commented that there has been "a five year old thinking" on the part of Americans that the Soviet Union could be totally destroyed without the total destruction of the US. Now, as a result of KHRUSHCHEV'S visit, the American people are understanding the cry for peace. STACHEL described the Party's problem as one of clarifying and strengthening its American political standing. He added that the Party has the responsibility of exerting itself further in the fight for peace, socialism, and Negro liberation within the Labor movement. STACHEL proposed a leading article

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be written for "Political Affairs," evaluating all these points. He then stated DENNIS is prepared to write this article. STACHEL proposed the issuance of a pamphlet for wide distribution concerning the peace movement going on in this country. STACHEL stated "our" work now and for a long time to come will have to be on peace, strengthening the Communist movement, and building a stronger alliance with the Negro people.

JAMES JACKSON said KHRUSHCHEV'S visit "legalizes the struggle for peace." JACKSON also urged a task force be formed to organize mass meetings at which JOE NORTH could report on KHRUSHCHEV'S visit.

BEN DAVIS stated that, when speaking to the American people, the reality of the position of the Soviet Union in the world, should be made known to them.

ARNOLD JOHNSON ^{spoke} favorably of KHRUSHCHEV'S visit. He then indicated he felt the Party was not meeting its responsibilities of the vanguard role, as far as the peace question was concerned. JOHNSON pointed out that many tourists have gone to the Soviet Union in the past few years including some close to the Party, yet no one from the Party has attempted to talk to any of them, and that "these people want to talk to someone" (about the USSR). JOHNSON thought it might be a good idea to get out "a tablet" on KHRUSHCHEV'S speech.

IRVING POTASH stated that in the next couple of weeks "they" should consult with a number of trade unionists and discuss what can be done about disarmament and peace. POTASH stated "we" must know the enemy so "we" can name names and identify these people as enemies of the people. POTASH stated the Party cannot make a mistake on anything they say and do on this question.

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ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN stated that people everywhere in the United States are talking about KHRUSHCHEV'S visit and American minds are open as a result of this. She felt the Party should take advantage of this situation. FLYNN remarked that something had to be done in the trade union movement to counteract the role of the AFL-CIO and (WALTER) REUTHER.

EUGENE DENNIS stated he felt the KHRUSHCHEV visit and the understandings reached will help all the American people to a better understanding of the nature of socialism.

Meeting adjourned.

SAC, NEW YORK (100-56745)

10/2/59

SA HAROLD F. QUIRIN

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Identity of Informant: NY 1749-S* (Conceal and paraphrase)

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past

NY 1749-S* has reported that on 9/16/59 [REDACTED] contacted COMNIE (BART) and said she applied for welfare that day - through the Veterans and must see one of them either that night or tomorrow before she goes back for another appointment (at welfare) at 1:45 tomorrow. PHIL (BART) asked what the problem was. [REDACTED] said it's about the relationship to PHIL - the family - actually, it boiled down to whether PHIL exists or not. PHIL said she would have to admit he existed. [REDACTED] thought maybe that since their names are different "they" would not notice or anything. PHIL told her to go ahead and indicate his name - and if they ask why PHIL changed his name, [REDACTED] did not know - and does not know his income or anything. [REDACTED] said they would send someone around to talk to PHIL and PHIL said that was all right. PHIL told her to put "printer" for his occupation, because that's the last employment that [REDACTED] knows about.

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- 1- New York (100-56579) (PHIL BART) (415)
- 1- New York (100-12959) (COMNIE BART) (415)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-31723)

FROM : SA THOMAS F. LEWIS

SUBJECT: CPUSA - ORGANIZATION
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DATE: 10/2/59

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On 9/9/59, [] who has furnished reliable information in the past, personally provided a written statement to SA THOMAS F. LEWIS. This statement is maintained in []

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- ② - New York (RM)
- ① - 100-56579 (PHIL BART)
- 1 - 100-23825 (BENJAMIN DAVIS)
- 22 - Philadelphia
- 1 - 100-31723
- 1 - 100-1502-5969 (CPEPD - INDUSTRIAL SECTION)
- 1 - 100-1502-1955 (4TH CD SECTION - CPEPD)
- 1 - 100-4842 (THE WORKER)
- 1 - 100-8670 (UERMWA)
- 1 - 100-22157 (PHIL BART)
- 1 - 100-34061 (BILL CRAWFORD)
- 1 - 100-37636 (BENJAMIN DAVIS)
- 1 - 100-35375 []
- 1 - 100-20479 []
- 1 - 100-22603 (JAMES DOLSEN)
- 1 - 100-1045 (FRANK FISHER)
- 1 - 100-28841 (FRANCES GABOW)
- 1 - 105-1397 (BILL HINTON)
- 1 - 100-33303 []
- 1 - 100-41370 []
- 1 - 65-1686 (THOMAS NABRIED)
- 1 - 65-4641 (DANIEL RUBIN)
- 1 - 100-24839 (ROBERT RYAN)
- 1 - 100-18775 (MATTHEW SNYDER)
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"Sept_ 7, 1959

"On [redacted] a meeting of the [redacted]
[redacted] of the CPUSA was held at the apartment
of [redacted] Penna.
The meeting began around 8:45 P.M. Those present
were:

"JIM DOLSON
TOM NABREID
BILL HINTON
BILL CRAWFORD
FRANCES
[redacted]

'SARGE' DAVIS
BOB RYAN
DANNY RUBIN
FRANK FISHER
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"FRANCES collected dues before the meeting
and explained the rebate system for club work and
dues record sheets to BOB. TOM said the 26th
anniversary of the New York party was coming up
prior to conference on consolidating party ideo-
logy. Four or five people from the Phila. district
are invited to attend the Friday evening meeting
and participate the next day in discussion. The
dates are Sept. 26 & 27th.

"TOM also said plans are being drawn for a
Phila. affair to celebrate the 40th anniversary
of the party. The date selected is Oct. 9, 1959.
He said the Hotel Adelphia had been approached
and was agreeable to renting quarters. He said
they hoped to line up BEN DAVIS to speak on the
subject, 'Peace and Co-existence.' TOM also re-
commended a singer he brought in. He asked that
the fund drive be completed then.

"He said those handling the affair thought
it would be nice to round up a few charter members
and prop them up on the platform. He said it was
planned to have the youth members march up and
hand them bouquets of flowers. He said this would
be very touching, and would emphasize the continuity
of the party. TOM said admission would be \$1.00
for employed and 50¢ for unemployed.

"On the Steel Strike [redacted] reported canned goods

"had been collected in the 4th CD by the youth who had received authorization from the Fairless local. BOB said Local 107 Westinghouse had collected over \$1000 and turned it over to the steel locals.

"TOM then passed out ballots for the referendum on Article 5, Sec. 5 of the party constitution proposing a change in this section. He also distributed a copy of a letter from PHIL BART pleading for funds for the worker (letter enclosed).

"DANNY gave BOB a draft of the Administrative Committee on convention preparations. BILL CRAWFORD told BOB he had been out to see MATT recently and was going to bring the pre-convention draft down to BOB but did not know where he lived. BOB gave him his address and asked him to call first as his brother lived next door. In this discussion TOM said he had recently talked to 'SLIM' too. During the steel strike discussion BILL C. said perhaps [redacted] could get something going. He said he had seen [redacted] lately and that [redacted] worked at General Steel Castings Co. During discussion of the Oct. 9th affair some members of the D.C. felt there would be a security problem. In the report of the fund drive BILL HINTON said he should collect about \$50 from out of town but not the full \$150 assigned. Various D.C. members praised the preconvention draft. In discussions on it (draft attached) BILL HINTON explained why he would go to a district committee meeting because it was a small group but would hesitate to go to a district convention. FRANK F. made a statement on the need for maintaining security in the industrial section. FRANK said use of a spot downtown might bring the F.B.I. on their necks. BILL HINTON said there was a problem of involving the industrial section in the convention but also the problem of their reluctance to participate for security reasons.

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"In relation to the city committee mentioned in the draft. BILL HINTON suggested that for security

"reasons perhaps an industrial committee and a city committee would work with members from each on a main committee.

"BILL C. spoke of the need for strengthening party ideology. He claimed the material put out for club consumption was too weighty and heavy. He asked for more down to earth material.

"TOM spoke of the need of orienting the party to the working class. He said this was a big problem. He said it was wrong to go to people like PICKETT, DILWORTH, and A.D.A. officials to try to put a program across. He spoke of a woman whom he referred to as a leader of a Germantown club who was ignorant of basic party history but who had been around the party a long time.

"BOB said he felt part of every single club meeting should be devoted to an ideological discussion on topics suggested by the D.C. He raised the problem of comrade [] who was employed but had yet come forth with nothing for the fund drive. He said it was an embarrassing and humiliating position to be in with these people when he had to repeatedly ask for the money. He said a party person should deny himself necessities if need be to further the work of the movement. TOM laughed and said they might have to send reinforcements down to apply pressure. BOB said if he didn't kick in he might send him up to TOM.

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"JIM DOLSEN made an eloquent speech on restoring the iron discipline of the party.

"DANNY then held up a large piece of paper with the dates Nov. 28 and 29th pencilled on it and asked if these dates were O.K. He gave the distinct impression the room was bugged. No one in the room spoke the dates. They just wrote them down and agreed. DANNY then held up the date Dec. 19. This was to be the time of the District Committee elections after the Natl. Convention. This

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"date was not spoken either, just written down and agreed to. The next D.C. meeting was set for [redacted] house to discuss the main Political Resolution. Mention was made that Sept. P.A. magazine was not in yet."

Informant stated the dates of 11/28 and 29/59 were the dates of the CPEPD Convention.

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Photostat copies of the letter from PHIL BART and the draft on Convention Preparations are attached to informant's report in [redacted]